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School Board faces \$1.1M payback

Venice schools may have to return aid to state

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

The possibility that the Venice School District might have to repay the Illinois State Board of Education \$1.1 million in aid for the past three years is a "monumental" crisis that could cripple the district.

A special meeting of the School Board will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the situation, one of many potentially serious situations the board is facing.

At a special meeting last Tuesday, Superintendent James Doughty was formally reprimanded by the board for not having the high school and elementary school principals at that meeting to discuss the enrollment issue. The Board voted 6-1 in favor of the reprimand, with Trustee James Harrell the only no vote.

Both principals are expected to attend Tuesday's meeting.

A state audit of the district's finances for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years showed that 134 nonresident students ½ more than one-quarter of the total enrollment ½ were attending the district in those years. The district may have to repay the state aid totaling \$552,918.63 for those students.

In a letter to Gary Ey, associate superintendent of financial services for the ISBE, Doughty said they expect an additional adjustment of \$600,000 for the 1998-99 school year because of nonresident

students. That includes an additional 34 nonresident students that have been discovered in the district.

"This is an urgent crisis of monumental dimensions," Doughty's letter stated.

He also floated several possibilities for the ISBE to consider, including:

- Forgiving the debt. This would be based on the understanding that even though the students should not have been enrolled in the Venice School District, the district did educate them. It would be further agreed that nonresident students would not be enrolled within the district in the coming year.

James Doughty
 Superintendent

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Turmoil the norm at meetings

Criticism of the Venice School Board has been harsh, frequent

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

From union members picketing along Broadway before the Venice School Board meeting to parents and teachers yelling "Doughty's got to go" as they went into executive session, dissension and turmoil have become the hallmarks of the district's meetings.

Thursday's meeting was no exception.

About 30 people - most members of Service Employees International Union 98 and Venice Federation of

Teachers Local 985 - marched in front of the school with signs claiming Superintendent James Doughty is unfair to labor.

The board met for about 2 ½ hours before going into executive session. Much of that time was spent arguing over matters ranging from vocational education to telephone bills.

Before the board went into executive session, Kevin Baker, president of Venice Federation of Teachers Local

985, criticized them for ignoring complaints that Venice Elementary School Principal Rachelle Artis - who is leaving the district - admitted to union officials she falsely evaluated three teachers.

In a May 25 memo to Doughty and school board members, Artis said she was submitting new evaluations for three teachers at the elementary

school. That includes an additional 34 nonresident students that have been discovered in the district.

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Protesters picket outside of Venice High School on Thursday evening.

Madison to get drug store

Developer to build Walgreen Drug Store

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

Hurwitz Development of Springfield, Ill., purchased a tract of land Wednesday from the city to build a Walgreen Drug Store. Construction will begin

July 1 at the corner of 20th and Madison and will be completed in October. The city will repurchase the tract for \$2.4 million at the store's completion, with a 20-year guaranteed lease from Walgreen's.

"With sales and property taxes generated we will be able to recuperate our investment in six or seven years. It will eliminate an eye sore in the main intersection of the city, create about 30 jobs and

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Bust nets 2 local dealers

Tip received in April leads to three-month investigation

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

Two persons selling crack cocaine from a residence in the 2000 block of Washington, Granite City were charged Wednesday with intent to

deliver a controlled substance.

Charged were William Roberts, 32, and Kathryn Paschedag, 41, both of 2005 Washington Ave. Paschedag had been on probation for

"This is part of an ongoing endeavor to rid our city streets of people polluting the community."

Kip Pomery
 GC police

drug-related charges. Bail was set at \$150,000.

Authorities from the Granite City Police

Department received a tip in April that drugs were possibly being sold from the residence. The same month undercover officers attempted a controlled buy, but were thwarted when Roberts requested money before the officers were to receive the cocaine. Authorities continued their surveillance of the home as part of a three-month investigation. About 9 p.m. Tuesday, they went to the residence because of numerous people

See DRUG BUST, Page 12A.

MCT board approves \$13.2M budget

District plans three major bicycle/pedestrian trail projects in 1999-2000

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

A \$13.2 million budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 was approved by the Madison County Transit District Board at Thursday's meeting.

That is expected to be about \$37,000 less than the district's income for the fiscal year.

Most of the district's funds come from the Illinois Department of Transportation and sales tax revenue.

MCT receives \$6 million in general operating assistance,

and about \$5.3 million in sales tax revenue.

The remainder of the district's income comes from interest, intergovernmental agreements, and federal congestion mitigation program.

Most of the district's expenses - \$9 million - is for its fixed route and paratransit service.

Fixed routes are the green-and-white buses on the scheduled routes, while paratransit is the door-to-door service for the elderly and disabled.

The district also spends about \$1.3 million for the RideFinders program. Most of the money for that program - which coordinates van and car

pools and provides match lists and other services for commuters - comes from federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds.

MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane said the district expects to complete its Edwardsville Transfer Center in the fall, and start a promotional effort to increase ridership in that area, as well as the U.S. 40 corridor from Highland to East St. Louis.

He said the district is also expecting to have three major bicycle/pedestrian trail projects under way during the coming fiscal year.

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The Madison County Transit District Board approved its \$13.2 million operating budget this Thursday.

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Felonies

The following felonies were recently filed in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County:

WILLIAM A. TRICKETT SR., 26, was charged with one count of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for incidents between May 1998 and April 1999 by the Granite City Police Department.

In the first charge, Trickett allegedly sodomized a minor under 13 years old between May 1998 and April 1999. In the second charge, Trickett allegedly fondled the breasts of a minor between the ages of 13 and 17 between May 1998 and August 1998.

Bond on each charge was set at \$150,000.

DALE D. GRIFFITH, 47, was charged with criminal sexual abuse for an incident on or about May 16 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

Griffith allegedly performed a sex act involving the fondling of a minor under the age of 18. Bond was set at \$100,000.

KENNETH HIGLEY SR., 21, was indicted June 17 by a Madison County Grand Jury for unlawful chemical breakdown of an illicit controlled substance for an incident May 24.

Highly allegedly possessed anhydrous ammonia and lithium batteries with the intent to facilitate the manufacture of a controlled substance.

He was held on bond from the previous charge.

LORENZO D. JOHNSON, 33, was indicted June 17 by a Madison County Grand Jury for aggravated arson for an incident May 23.

Johnson allegedly caused damage to a house while committing arson, knowing that two women were in the house. He was held on bond from the previous charge.

FREDERICK D. COLLINS, 24, **IAN L. GRIFFIN**, 19, and **ANTHONY L. GRAHAM**, 23, were each charged with two counts of burglary for incidents June 14 by the Collinsville Police Department.

The three men allegedly broke into a minivan and a pickup truck parked at the Collinsville Holiday Inn with intent to commit theft.

Bond for each was set at \$50,000.

DAVID JUSTICE, 22, was charged with two counts of burglary for incidents May 4 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

Justice allegedly entered a home at the Able Court apartments in Pontoon Beach and stole a home in the 5100 block of Whittell Way in Pontoon Beach with the intent to commit theft. Bond on each charge was set at \$75,000.

LOUIS E. BALDETTI, 47, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident March 21 by the Madison Police Department.

Baldetti allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000.

VANORREY SULLIVAN, 46, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Jan. 13 by the Madison Police Department.

Sullivan allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000.

HOLLY D. REYNOLDS, 38, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident March 5 by the Granite City Police Department.

Reynolds allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing hydrocodone. Bond was set at \$10,000.

MARK A. WARREN, 30, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident April 13 by the Granite City Police Department.

Warren allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000.

CHARLENE D. BOUQUET, 21, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident March 15 by the Granite City Police Department and an incident April 21 by the Venice Police Department.

In each case Bouquet allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond in the Granite City charge was set at \$10,000; bond in the Venice charge was set at \$15,000.

Assistant post may be recreated

Resolution calls for Rowden to be named to \$24,000-per-year job

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An ordinance creating the position of administrative assistant to the mayor was given first reading at the Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting Tuesday.

In a related matter, the Board did not act on a resolution appointing former Village Clerk Mary Rowden to the position. Rowden had declined to seek re-election in the spring. At that time Mayor Jim Denham's party swept the ballot.

A copy of the resolution was included in the official meeting packet, but was not brought up during the meeting.

"We have talked about it."

Rowden said Thursday. She declined further comment.

If the position is approved by the board, it would pay \$24,000 per year.

A similar position was eliminated along with several others when Denham took office in April. At the time, he and other officials said they planned to rethink the positions and would probably put some of them back into

place.

An ordinance changing the municipal calendar year to Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 was approved. Village attorney Eric Evans said the ordinance was necessary to stop any confusion over mayoral appointments. In the past, the village apparently had not set a calendar year separate from its fiscal year, which runs from May 1-April 30.

The Board also approved an ordinance adopting the 1999

National Electric Code, and state statutes regarding a fire and police commission.

Such a commission became necessary after the village reached a population of more than 5,000.

A resolution appointing Trustee Lee Ridgeway as the village's ethics officer was also approved.

In other business, the Board approved four business licenses: Splish Splash, a mobile pressure washing business at 10 Teal St.; Creative Cuts at 4141 Pontoon Road; Metro Marble & Granite at 4001 Pontoon Road, and Todd Transportation, a trucking firm at 3710 Illinois 111.

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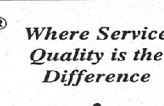
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

Criminal damage to property occurred Thursday in the 3200 block of Westchester, Granite City. A window was smashed in at the north end of the residence. A police report did not state when it was broken or if anyone entered the home. Estimated damage to the window is about \$180.00. Police have a suspect and are investigating.

Two vehicles in the 2600 block of Circle Drive, Granite City were damaged Friday morning. Vandalism painted a gray 1987 Ford Aerostar and a Lincoln Continental at 5:57 a.m. A police report did not state the amount of damage. Police are investigating.



SIUE entrances get spruced up

\$ 250,000 worth of new signs will be erected

By Sanford Schmidt
Staff writer

Entrances to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will be spruced up with \$250,000 in new signs, thanks to a state appropriation last year.

"We have a lot of entrances to this campus, but not that many signs," university spokesman Keith Nichols said.

The new signs will be permanent "monument-style" signs with electronic components within a framework, Nichols said. The signs will be able to carry multiple scrolling messages and should be up and

running by the end of July.

The new signs will supplement existing signs that are less attractive and less visible, a spokesman said, and they will be six to eight feet tall.

The university also recently completed a project to replace road signs on campus. The new electronic signs will be on New Poag Road near the baseball field and the westernmost boundary of the campus, on East University Drive, and near the residence halls.

The money for the signs is part of a \$1.8 million appropriation from the state.

\$ 830,880 is district's grant, donation total

Schools see 'greatest variety of grants' this year

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Thanks to a competitive grant office under the direction of Goni Michaeloff, Granite City School District 9 received \$830,880 in grants, awards and donations during the 1998-99 school year.

"This year, we have had the greatest variety of grants awarded to our district, schools and teachers," said Michaeloff, who is the district's grant writer. Grants received were local, regional, county and state, as well as corporate and foundation grants. The district also received three recognition grants, including one in which

a teacher was awarded the area's Sam's Club/Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and another received Madison County Conservation Teacher of the Year and State Conservation Teacher of the Year awards.

"We have had three firsts in teacher recognition grants," Michaeloff said. "This demonstrates the quality and the character of educators we have in our district."

Michaeloff said the Wal-Mart Foundation awarded numerous \$1,000 matching grants, which were used for specific needs at Coolidge Middle School and Frohardt, Marshall and Prather elementary schools. As an example, two \$300 grants awarded to Coolidge helped maintain its butterfly garden.

Illinois Power, she said, also contributed grant money. The money was used for field trips at Frohardt and Marshall elementary schools and at Granite City High School. In addition, 14 teachers received \$100 classroom grants and the power company donated a variety of materials used by students to organize their work.

Local organizations, she said, have participated as well. An annual \$500 educational grant to GCHS was awarded by the Mobil Oil Educational Alliance in conjunction with Branding Oil, which is a local Mobil retailer.

The Granite City Elks Crippled Children's Fund chipped in with a \$500 grant to special education programs at Coolidge and GCHS, helping pave the way for a successful school year.

"Our teachers, students and the district have benefited from the grants," Michaeloff said. "Curriculum areas have been updated and aligned to the state standards of learning. Students have been able to enhance their academic performances...through the grants."

No charges filed yet in fatal crash

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Authorities said Wednesday they are awaiting an accident reconstruction report to determine whether felony charges will be filed against a local teen-ager involved in a fatal crash near Hamel last month.

A Madison County coroner's jury ruled Wednesday that the death of Robert R. Kennedy, 73, of Alton, was accidental. Meanwhile, the State's Attorney's Office has dismissed three minor traffic tickets against Steven W. Long, 17, of Edwardsville, apparently in anticipation of filing a more substantial felony charge.

The dismissal of the tickets is a procedural move to prevent the rule of double jeopardy from applying to Long. That is the right of a defendant not to be tried twice for the same crime.

"They don't want him to be able to run in and plead guilty (to the tickets) and avoid prosecution on a felony," said Robert Hertz, chief deputy for the Madison County Sheriff's Department, which investigated the case.

Long was the driver of a 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier that struck a 1950 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Gary Hagen of Dorsey on May 24 in Hamel Township.

Kennedy was a passenger in the right rear seat of Hagen's car. Also in the vehicle were Hagen's mother, Lois Hagen of Alton, and his daughter Lauren. Kennedy had been dating Lois Hagen, family members said.

Hagen was eastbound on Brakhane Road at Quercus Grove Road about 7 p.m., heading to a son's recital at Worden Elementary School. Long was northbound on Quercus Grove with two neighborhood friends from Edwardsville.

A sheriff's department report read during the inquest said Long admitted running the stop on Quercus and striking Hagen's vehicle, which he claimed not to see.

Hagen, however, said he saw Long's vehicle briefly before the impact. The crash caused both vehicles to overturn. Kennedy died of blunt trauma to the chest, the coroner's jury determined.

Lois Hagen, who was airlifted from the scene and treated at a St. Louis hospital, now is in a skilled care unit in St. Louis, undergoing rehabilitation therapy, said Brenda Kennedy of Rosewood Heights, the victim's daughter-in-law.

Authorities say there is no indication that drugs or alcohol played a role in the crash. An Illinois State Police expert has been reconstructing the incident.

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School funding increased, but we can do more

Proposal would allocate one-half of new revenue to schools

By Rep. Jay Hoffman

Education was definitely a top priority in the Illinois General Assembly this year. We were able to increase funding for our schools, but I believe we can still do more to help our children succeed and to remove some of the burden from property taxpayers.

In this year's state budget, we were able to allocate 57 percent of all new revenue that the state generated toward education. The budget this year included more than \$530 million in new money to help our schools succeed in preparing for the future. This is an important step toward allowing our children to realize their full potential.

The new education funding dollars are allocated to best serve our students. One of the major funding initiatives will go toward school construction and school renovations.

This funding is necessary to allow our school districts to create more classrooms so that they can decrease the number of students in each class. It is also important so that our children have safe school environments in which to learn.

Another important funding allocation was directed toward special education. Currently, many Illinois school districts have to divert funding from some education programs to help fund their special education programs.

This funding allocation will allow the state to stop these diversions and offer every student a better education. While I believe this was a positive step for Illinois' schools, I would like to see this effort for education become an annual budgetary priority.

I have legislation introduced that mandates that state allocate 50 percent of all new revenue growth toward education every year.

We need to do this for our children, so that we can optimize their education opportunities. In addition, additional state resources for education will relieve some of the burden that is currently on property taxpayers.

I am hopeful that the General Assembly will pass this legislation for the benefit of our children and the taxpayers.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other state matter, please feel free to contact me.

My Collinsville office is located at 126 Vandalia, Suite 1, and can be reached at 345-2176. Collinsville office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. We are also open from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

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New rules could lead to truth disclosures

Illinois citizens would really get to see their tax dollars at work

It looks like a battle of the numbers geeks. Ever wonder how much of your entrance fee to the local municipal swimming pool is really subsidizing operations? The new accounting rules will tell you.

Why spend big bucks repairing the fire station's roof when you now know that the entire building will need to be knocked down in two years? And how long will the new road and infrastructure repairs last that are included in Gov. George Ryan's \$12 billion Illinois FIRST plan?

Right now, the state doesn't have to tell us. The government might spend millions to fix up a couple miles of road that will need even more millions of repairs in a few years.

Well, knowledge is power, my friends, and this new ruling is going to put a lot of that power into the hands of people who didn't have access to it before.

For instance, state and local governments will have to list how long their major assets are expected to last. Each and every bridge, fire truck, school, civic center, prison and road, just to name a few. A proposal to build a gymnasium when the rest of the school is almost ready for the mothballs might go over differently with



Rich Miller

the voters when these new rules take effect. Ever wonder how much of your entrance fee to the local municipal swimming pool is really subsidizing operations? The new accounting rules will tell you.

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Ah, you probably still don't care, apathy being what it is. Hey, don't feel bad. I'm not sure I'm jumping up and down in rapturous excitement right

now, either. But there are humans out there who really do care about this sort of stuff.

State Rep. Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston) is one of them. Schoenberg is probably best known for stopping what looked to most people like a sweetheart purchase of a Chicago office building by the Illinois Department of Public Aid. The seller's price was just too high, well above the going rate for office space in downtown Chicago. And the seller was politically connected, which added to the suspicion.

Schoenberg filed suit to stop the purchase and he eventually forced Gov. Jim Edgar to settle. The direct result of that settlement was a new and comprehensive purchasing reform law that made a big dent in "pinstripe patronage," which is the polite term for "rich guys sucking deeply at the public trough."

Schoenberg now chairs one of the four House appropriations committees. His particular committee oversees most of the state agencies (the other three oversee education, higher education and transportation), which gives him a great vantage point to keep a close eye on government spending habits.

Schoenberg is a Democrat, so he also tends to monitor politically suspect spending by the entrenched Republican hierarchy that has held the governor's mansion all but four years since 1989.

Anyway, as you might have imagined, Schoenberg is practically ecstatic about this new ruling. State agencies do their best to conceal as much as they can from appropriations chairmen. Money is squirreled away in obscure corners of their budgets, job positions are funded but never filled, contracts are quietly slipped to friends of the established order.

When these new GASB rules take effect in 2001, Schoenberg will have lots more information at his fingertips. Information, you will remember, is power.

The more information Schoenberg has, the more leverage he'll have to curb more waste and inefficiencies. Not a bad deal.

The news isn't all good, though. The Government Financial Officers Association — the group which represents the bean counters — is completely opposed to the new idea and is vowing to make the GASB back down. The association is worried mainly about the cost to their members' budgets of totaling up all those new numbers. But if Schoenberg is right, it will cost the taxpayers a whole lot more if these rules never take effect.

Rich Miller is an independent reporter who covers governmental affairs for the Illinois Press Association.

Letters to the editor

Police blotter proved his action correct

TO THE EDITOR:
Just a quick line of thanks, your way. Some time ago, I ran an ad in your paper for a vacant apartment.

I had several people come by to look at it, and gave each prospective tenant an application. It is usual that some do not return.

Several weeks after this unit was rented, I noticed a name in your police blotter article involving drugs. Several names were in the article, and it involved crack cocaine. I looked at the list of names of possible tenants.

Sure enough, one of those names matched! If I had rented to that person, the incident could very well have happened to my place and very possibly anything worse!

I hope that you will continue to print this news.

MIKI KOHENSEY
Granite City

Everyone should show support for country

TO THE EDITOR:
First of all we want to thank the veterans who marched in the Memorial Day Parade. If it had not been for them and the many others who were unable to march, we wouldn't be living in the "Greatest Country" in the world. We are very proud of them!

The band and flag twirlers are an asset to the parade and we can always count on them.

Our disappointment is to see only one Brownie Troop with their leaders. Where were the rest? Are we going to let the Boy Scouts show you up?

Thanks to the many Boy Scouts and their leaders in this year's parade.

It was so rewarding to see so many. One other disappointing thing is to the people who came to see the parade. Not one of these people around us put their hand over their heart, when the flag went by.

How can we teach our children to respect their flag if adults won't?

Wake up! Support your country, you will never have a better one.

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Vehicle/rail accidents can be prevented

By Secretary of State Jesse White

Accidents that occur at railroad crossings can be prevented by always looking and listening for oncoming trains. Drive as though you expect a train to be approaching at any time on any track.

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Summer program registration set

Registration for the Venice Park District/Joe Willie Roberts Athletic Club summer program will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Venice Recreation Center, 305 Broadway. The program runs from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, beginning July 6. Programs include supervised family activities, arts, crafts, movies, field trips and guest speakers. The cost of the program is \$20 and is due at registration. For information call 451-7201.



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Deputy gets \$ 33,473 over dog attack

1993 attack left him with a fear of dogs, sheriff's deputy says

By Dennis Grubagha
Staff writer

A Madison County sheriff's deputy who allegedly developed a fear of dogs after an attack in 1993 was awarded \$33,473 by a jury Tuesday in Madison County Circuit Court.

JURORS
—including Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. — deliberated 90 minutes before returning the verdict in favor of Wesley S. "Stan" Rives, 47, of Edwardsville. "I'm glad it's all said and done with," Rives said at the end of the two-day trial. Rives was awarded the money against defendants George and Sharyn Luedeke, whose three dogs attacked him on their property in the 1100 block of Juniper Avenue in

Godfrey in September 1993. Rives was responding to a complaint about barking dogs.

Rives fatally shot the family's basset-beagle hound twice while protecting himself during the attack, which caused minor injuries to his legs but left him with a lingering phobia.

Jurors empathized with that fear in their verdict, awarding more than \$27,000 for Rives' past and future emotional distress.

A psychologist who had counseled Rives said his fear was genuine, although Rives' shift commander testified that the fear never was evident at work. Rives suffered no lost time as a result of the attack.

The issue of liability was decided before jurors got the case. Chief Associate Judge Randall Bone ruled that the Luedeokes were liable under the Illinois Animal Control Act for the actions of their dogs in September 1993. The only issue for the jury was the amount of

damages, if any. Rives' attorney, Keith Jensen of Granite City, asked for a verdict of \$100,000 to \$150,000. Defense attorney James Gorman of Edwardsville encouraged a verdict of \$1,500 to \$5,000.

Rives' medical bills were shown to be less than \$1,000. Gorman chastised the plaintiff's attorney during closing arguments, calling him "Dr. Jensen" for referring Rives to a psychologist as the case prepared for trial.

Gorman speculated that Rives' fear of dogs grew as the trial neared.

"Do any of you really suspect that Wesley Stan Rives is going to see a psychologist after this trial is over?" he asked the jury.

The Luedeokes still have two of the dogs that attacked Rives, and added a third to replace Charlie, their beloved basset-beagle.

"It's been difficult having to relive this," Sharyn Luedeke

said. They were uncertain whether they will appeal. Any verdict would be covered by homeowners' insurance, they said.

Although he was not the elected jury foreman, Judge Romani said he enjoyed his rare sojourn to the jury box. It was the first time in memory that a local judge served as a juror.

"I enjoyed it; it gave me a different look at the system," said Romani, a criminal judge. "It was a nice experience. I'm just glad it lasted only two days."

One fellow juror nominated him to be foreman, but the bulk of jurors agreed with Romani that he shouldn't head the panel, he said.

Rangers to open Baptist Festival

The Illinois Territorial Rangers, 17th Regiment, will open the St. John the Baptist Festival Sunday at the Elack Jack settlement south of Troy.

The Rangers will officiate at the 10 a.m. flag ceremony, which will open the festivities. Included are a craft fair, entertainment, food, historical displays, a quilt show, antique tractors and much more.

Among the highlights of the day will be the replica of a Conestoga Wagon owned by the Illinois National Road Association, which will be on display along with "the old surveyor."

A historical skit will be performed at 4:30 p.m. in the church, and tours of the church will be held at various times throughout the day. The event is sponsored by Troy Knights of Columbus Council 6266. A choir concert will be performed at 7 p.m. in the church.

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Obituaries

Samuel Nighoghossian

SAMUEL NIGHOGHOSSIAN, 89, of Granite City, died at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Oct. 20, 1909, in Providence, R.I.

Mr. Nighoghossian was owner and operator of Sammy's Tavern and Modern Shoe Repair. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Ann (Gargosian) Nighoghossian; five sons, Casper Nighoghossian, Sardin Nighoghossian, Halp Nighoghossian, Lee Nighoghossian, and Greg Nighoghossian, all of Granite City; and six grandchildren, Julie A. Nighoghossian, Derrick A. Nighoghossian, Cassie L. Nighoghossian, Kyle B. Nighoghossian, Cara B. Nighoghossian, and Jeremy R. Nighoghossian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Casper and Virgin (Safarian) Nighoghossian, and one son, Samuel Nighoghossian.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 28, at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church with Rev. Vartan Kassabian officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Memorials to the Hospice of Madison County, St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church, Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, Armenian Youth Federation, G.C. Chapter, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association are suggested.

Larry Trindle

LARRY DEAN TRINDLE, 54, of Spokane, Wash., formerly of Granite City, died at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 1999, at V.A. Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

He was born July 8, 1944, in Granite City. Mr. Trindle was the resident manager of The Cubb House in Spokane, a U.S. Army veteran of the Baptist faith and class valedictorian of Madison High School in 1961.

He is survived by two brothers, Ricky Trindle and Billy Trindle of Granite City; and three sisters, Judy Baker and Trudy Dunavant of Madison and Felicia Gaddy of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marjorie (Kenny) Trindle and a sister, Constance Sue Trindle.

Memorial services will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Werner Funeral Home in Granite City. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo.

Jacqueline M. Plebanek

JACQUELINE M. PLEBANEK, 72, of Granite City died Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

She was born November 12, 1926, in St. Louis. Mrs. Plebanek was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She is survived by son, Joseph

Plebanek of Port Orange, Fla.; daughter, Eddie Schultz of Granite City; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Heather, Amanda, Autumn and Andrew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Plebanek, who died June 3, 1980; parents James and Josephine Rivers; and sister, Delores Short.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to noon Monday at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Funeral services will be at noon Monday, June 28, with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Emma Hand

EMMA BELL HAND, 85, of Edwardsville died at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born April 2, 1914, in Clifford, Mo. Hand retired from St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City in 1976 and was a member of World Life Tabernacle.

She is survived by one daughter, Ruth Russo of Pittsburgh; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John William Hand; parents, Jacob and Cora (Albee) Whitecotton; and her son, John D. Hand.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating.

officiating. Burial will be as in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

William Widel

WILLIAM J. WIDEL, 64, of Granite City died at 4:51 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born May 13, 1935, in Granite City. Mr. Widel was the co-founder of the Granite City Wrestling Club, a member of World of Life Tabernacle and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He married Beverly (Bristle) Widel on March 2, 1957; she survives. Other survivors include three sons, Mark Widel, Bruce Widel and Shawn Widel of Granite City; two daughters, Deborah Byrd of Granite City and Caroline Wilburn of Idaho; one brother, Theodore Widel of Hartford; and two sisters, Margaret Thompson of Kentucky and Caroline Presswood of Granite City; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Widel and a daughter, Catherine Ann Widel.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 28, at World of Life Tabernacle with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to World of Life Tabernacle or Granite City Wrestling Club.

Elanor Bargel

ELANOR 'TOOTSIE' BARGEL, 80 of Madison, died at 1:16 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 1999.

She was born May 19, 1919, in Madison where she was a lifelong resident. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Viola (Huddy) Bargel; four brothers, Walter Bargel, Joseph Bargel, Edward Bargel and Frank Bargel; three sisters, Mamie Polaski, Frances Lampher and Nellie Koszala.

Services were held Saturday, June 26 at Irwin Chapel with Rev. Andrew Bako officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Church in Madison.

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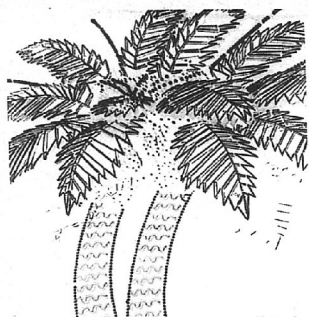
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News

Drowning ruled accidental

Victim's babysitter did not take life jackets on trip

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Nancy E. Ash had access to life jackets the day one of her baby-sitting charges drowned in a Godfrey creek but did not take them with her, a sheriff's

detective said Wednesday. That was one of the few new facts that came out during a Madison County coroner's inquest into the May 16 drowning death of Andrea N. Sweeney, 8, of East Alton. Andrea was one of eight

children taken to Piassa Creek in Godfrey by Ash, who could not swim.

The coroner's jury ruled the drowning an accident. Ash, 32, of Alton, was indicted by a Madison County grand jury this month on a charge of endangering the life of a child, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Detective Scott Sandidge of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said the life jackets were contained in a boat at the home of Donald Ennis Sr., of Alton. Ash was at the home before leaving for the creek, picking up Donald Ennis Jr., who accompanied the group.

"It was a spur-of-the-moment (decision) to go to the creek," Sandidge said, explaining Ash's reason for not taking the life jackets. Ash was watching two of her own children and the children of two other sets of parents. The group pondered going to either Gordon Moore Community Park in Alton or the creek on that day's outing. The majority of children wanted to go to the creek because they had been there before, although not necessarily with Ash, Sandidge said.

Contrary to what some of the parents told police, Ash also claimed no one told her to avoid taking the children swimming, Sandidge said. Andrea drowned when she stepped from about two feet of water over an abrupt dropoff and into a hole containing about 15 feet of water. The site of the tragedy was near the Illinois 3 bridge.

Donald Ennis Jr., 13, managed to push a second child, JoJo Manning, into shallow water and made a valiant attempt to rescue Andrea, but she slipped away from him twice before going under the water for the final time, Sandidge said.

Ennis and the child he saved were the only members of the group who knew how to swim. Ash, who was the only adult present, was taken from the scene by ambulance for treatment for shock.



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by D. C. Schnellmann, MD
Illinois Eye Specialists

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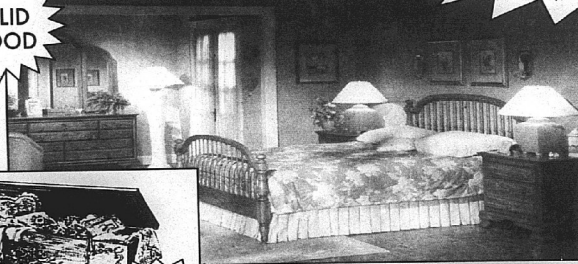
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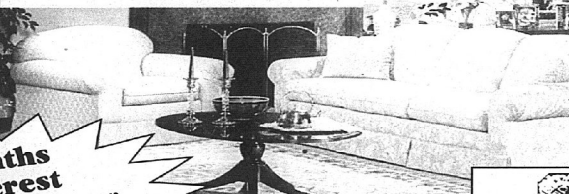
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Turmoil normal at board meetings

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schools. One of those teachers — Khadijah Joharfar — had previously filed a lawsuit against the district after she was removed as administrator of the Venice Lincoln Technical Center last fall.

She said the previous evaluations, dated March 28, "did not necessarily reflect my personal opinions of these individuals as members of my staff," and that she "felt coerced into making statements regarding these individuals on the previous evaluations; fearing that I would be accused of insubordination and/or targeted to receive write-ups, as others have been this year."

After the meeting Baker said that the teacher's union has about a dozen grievances that either have been or are about to be filed.

In addition, Service Employees International Local 99, which represents janitors and other support staff, has 18 grievances awaiting hearings.

Board may face payback

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• Allow the district to repay a reduced amount with no interest over a three-year period.

• Use "hold harmless" provisions of state statutes to provide the district with enough funds to educate students in the coming year.

It is also unclear what effect this will have on enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year.

The district's enrollment last year was about 430 students.

The loss of the nonresident students, combined with what union officials say is an increasing number of parents pulling their children out of the district because of the turmoil in the past year, could drastically reduce enrollment.

If that happens, the district may be unable to do much to cut costs, because it cannot lay off any teachers.

State statutes require teachers to be notified of layoffs at least 60 days before the end of the school year. In most districts this is a standard practice, but the teachers are rehired as soon as funding and enrollment figures are available.

However, Venice sent reduction in force notices to only 10 teachers, and Venice Federation of Teachers Local 995 President Kevin Baker said those notices were sent out without regard to seniority, so they may be invalid.

After Baker's criticism, Board Member Bill Tyler said the Board had a number of very serious issues to deal with, and to do that properly required time.

"We apologize that we have not moved as fast as you would like," he said. Doughty did not comment on those matters at the meeting, and did not return telephone calls Friday.

In other business, the Board approved waiving in two instances its normal requirements to seek bids

for purchases greater than \$5,000.

Both were items for the Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

The first was to purchase 16 computers for use by data processing students. Doughty said they had to approve the purchase quickly or lose the funding.

He said they faced a similar situation for the other purchase — a cylindrical grinder for the metal shop at a cost of about \$6,000.

Doughty said the

equipment would be "a significant enhancement" for the center's machine shop.

There was also some debate on restarting a vocational program at Venice High School.

Doughty said that it would take about one year to develop a program that would allow high school students to attend VLTC, while Trustee Tyrone Q. Echols argued that they could set up a program at the high school much more quickly.

Bill helps schools

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Schools may be encouraged to get telephone caller ID at reduced prices under legislation announced recently by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Durbin said he got a bill passed in Congress to clarify that school districts are entitled to discounts ranging from 20 percent to 90 percent on caller ID services.

Under the legislation, the Federal Communications Commission is directed to

inform elementary and secondary schools that they are eligible for the reduced rates and how to get them.

Responding to reporters' questions during a news conference in early June at Collinsville High School, Durbin said he tried to put through legislation that would improve school security and counseling services but was rebuffed.

The impetus for the legislation came from the Littleton, Colo., shooting tragedy in April, Durbin said.

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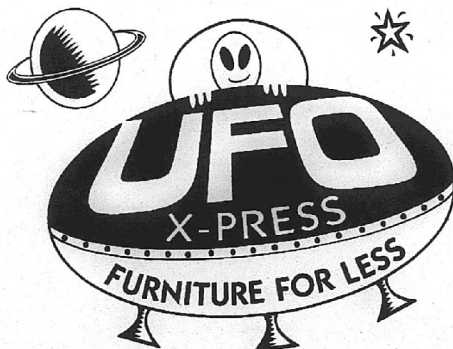
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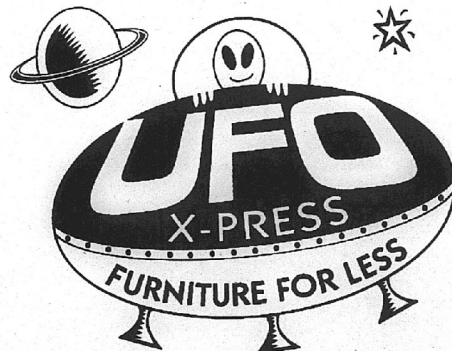


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Dunham's 90th birthday bash draws 200 well-wishers

By Jason White
Staff writer

People from all over the world came to East St. Louis Wednesday to celebrate the 90th birthday of an arts legend.

Katherine Dunham, the renowned dancer and choreographer who has lived on 10th Street in East St. Louis since 1958, turned 90 last Tuesday. The event was memorialized by a week of tributes in dance,

songs and poetry.

More than 200 people gathered Wednesday at East St. Louis Community College Center for a community celebration of Dunham's life.

"There's some of us who come into this world who have a manifest destiny — who have a reason for being — and who seize the occasion and go for it," said Jeanelle Stovall, associate director of the Dunham Centers for the Arts and Humanities. Stovall compared

Dunham to groundbreaking African Americans like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"She has strived through the years to bring about a better society utilizing the arts. Through the arts, one comes in better contact with the world and is therefore a better person."

The crowd sang happy birthday to Dunham in English and in the language of the Ogoni people of Nigeria, a group that has been forced from its homeland by oil companies.

Dunham was also presented with the Smith Award, named for the founder of the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. The award is given to people who increase and spread knowledge, a Smithsonian representative said.

State Rep. Wyvetter Younge, D-East St. Louis, said the legislature appropriated \$200,000 for the Dunham centers. Part of 10th Street will also be

renamed Katherine Dunham Place, she said.

"It will be her place where she can continue her work," Younge said. "Ms. Dunham has made a magnificent contribution to our society in helping us to appreciate the culture's of all ethnic groups."

"It's more than teaching dance — it's a way of life."

Eugene B. Redmond, East St. Louis' poet laureate and a long-time friend of Dunham, read part of an 86-page poem he has worked on for eight years. The reading was accompanied by music and dancers from the Katherine Dunham Children's Workshop.

"I would not have called a book Drumvoices... had I not met Katherine Dunham," Redmond said, referring to a literary magazine he publishes that showcases the work of local poets. "It just shows you the reach of Miss Dunham... she literally ruptured my con-

sciousness."

The poem referred to Dunham as "the choreographer to the oracles... the witch queen of 10th Street... the ballerina of East Boogie."

The poetry reading was followed by a performance by the Sunshine Community Performance Ensemble, an East St. Louis-based African drumming and dancing group that performs locally and nationally.

The group awed the crowd with a high-energy performance featuring complex polyrhythmic beats, brightly costumed dancers and 12-foot-high masked stilt-walkers.

Several other groups also brought the crowd to its feet, including the Linda Goodrich Dance Ensemble of the Sacramento, Calif., Rhythms in Ansa Dance Theatre of St. Louis, Ivory Coast dancer Diadie Bathily and the Children's Workshop.

"Everything I saw tonight

was without blemish," Dunham said. "There's not a negative thing I could say, which for me is unusual."

"Seeing this tonight is to know there is a source to repair of the empty spaces," she said. "You have a very precious commodity here. This world and the qualities of this world are descending more rapidly than we can catch up with them."

African Village going up

By Jason White
Staff writer

A dream is coming true in the heart of East St. Louis. The long-planned African Artisanal Village is now under construction behind the Katherine Dunham Dynamic Museum, 1005 Pennsylvania, East St. Louis.

The village was envisioned by Katherine Dunham and her late husband, noted clothing and stage designer John Pratt, as a place for community gatherings with a stage for performances by the Katherine Dunham Children's Workshop and visiting performers.

A federal Urban Resources Partnership Grant and the generosity of local contractors allowed organizers to start on the basics of the village last month.

The village now has a stage, five thatch huts and flowery landscapes. Organizers hope to complete the project in the next month. The completed project will include full landscaping, paved walkways, a North African entry gate and wall and other amenities.

"It will be a place of repose, contemplation and meditation," said State Rep. Wyvetter Younge, who was at the busy village Wednesday afternoon. Workers were moving gravel, smoothing down unpaved walkways and doing other work in preparation for a community tribute to Dunham that night.

Torrential rains moved the tribute to the East St. Louis Community College Center.

"We have to assume the rains were blessings from the heavens to wish us well," said Jeanelle Stovall, Dunham's personal assistant.

Before the celebration, people visited the Dunham Dynamic Museum, which showcases Dunham's collection of African and Caribbean art, musical instruments and costumes from her days as a dancer and choreographer.

Dunham is renowned as an actor, anthropologist, writer and social activist. In 1992, she fasted 47 days to protest U.S. policy on Haiti, her adopted country.

Guzy earns doctorate

Granite City native Annmarie Guzy has earned a doctorate of philosophy in rhetoric and professional communication from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The daughter of Delores Guzy of Granite City and the late Joe Guzy, she is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School. In 1990, she graduated magna cum laude from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in mass communications/television — radio.

In 1993, she earned a master's degree in English/teaching of writing, also from SIUE, where she taught honors freshman composition.

In August, Dr. Guzy will become an assistant professor of English at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

As an instructor for the NMSU English Department, she taught freshman composition, scientific and technical communication and advanced technical and professional communication.

Her dissertation, "Writing in the Other Margin: A Survey of and Guide to Composition Courses and Projects in College and University Honors Programs," presents guidelines for college-level honors composition based on data collected from more than 300 National Collegiate Honors Council member programs.

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Here's something to consider if you want to try your hand at carpentry. Build a shade structure for your outdoor plants. Nothing fancy, just something that will provide a little shade, be easy to dismantle and won't be an eyesore.

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When setting your lawn sprinkler, pay attention to the wind. A sudden gust can alter the sprinkler's path, sometimes quite drastically, giving everything in its new, unintended path an instant shower.

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Pick a calm day. When the blocks are removed, level the ground underneath as much as possible, then unroll the weed barrier and lay it neatly in place. If you didn't wait for the wind to subside, this part will be tough. All you can do is weight down the ends of the barrier as you work and hope another gust doesn't come along.

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Health care act passes New drugstore coming to Madison

By Bethany Behrhorst
Staff writer

The state's largest health-care consumer organization offered a lukewarm reception for the Managed Care Reform Act of 1999 passed last month by the Illinois Senate.

The Campaign for Better Health Care — boasting more than 300 members across the state — praised the passing of the act on May 27 but expressed displeasure regarding several issues left out of the legislation and others that members felt could have used some revision.

The recently passed Managed Care Reform Act contains some very positive protections for consumers, some good provisions that needed some improvement, and is missing a handful of other protections that the Campaign for Better Health Care has been fighting for."

said Jim Duffett, executive director of the campaign. The reform bill, SB 261, calls for the establishment of an office for consumer health insurance. The office would provide legal help to consumers filing grievances and educate individuals about their rights.

Pot issues of the campaign not covered in the legislation include the oversight of adequacy of provider networks, the right to sue health maintenance organizations and the consumers' rights to request prescription medications not authorized by HMO plans.

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spur economic development," said Dan Brown, director of economic development for Granite City.

The city, as part of an economic plan to develop a small area near the intersection of Madison, agreed to purchase the tract in 1992 for \$160,000 from Clark Oil, subject to the removal of gas tanks and the remediation of contaminated soil. While testing in 1993, Clark found contaminated soil and, during

a three-year cleanup period, negated the sale to the city, claiming officials did not foreclose at the time specified in the agreement.

"We did what we thought was right," Brown said. "There always seem to be conflicting views or hang-ups when problems arise. We wound up purchasing the land

from Clark anyway and at a lower price."

The city was able to purchase the tract at an auction in 1997 for \$60,000, but not before Clark agreed to cleanup the contaminated soil. The city consequently sold the tract Wednesday and 80 percent of land encompassing

it to Hurwitz Development for \$360,000.

"This is something the city has been striving for," Brown said.

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Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department said the department is constantly working to eradicate illegal drug sales. "This is part of an ongoing endeavor to rid our city streets of people polluting the community with them," he said.

MCT approves smaller budget

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He said they are hoping to start construction on the Confluence and Schoolhouse bicycle trails, as well as the Bluff Road extension of the trail system.

In other business, Kane said the cost of environmental cleanup at the Edwardsville Transfer Center's Park and Ride lot is expected to be about \$30,000.

Contaminated soil from a fuel tank that had been removed in the late 1980s had to be taken out and replaced. Kane said they were going to talk to the original owner of the lot about reimbursing the district for the cost.

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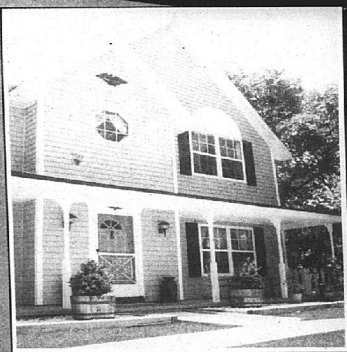
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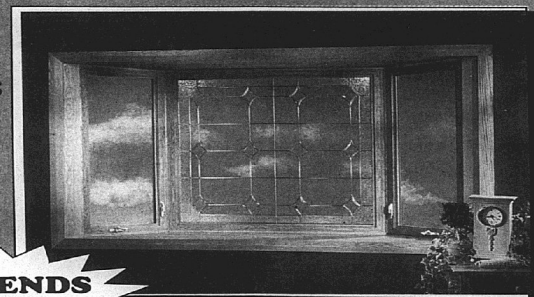
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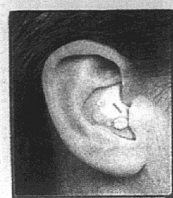
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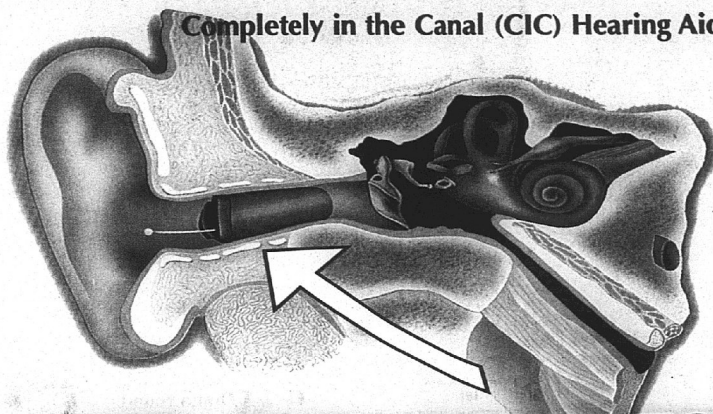


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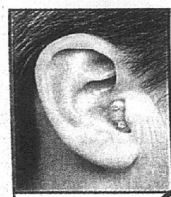
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Schmidt's major feat had minor recognition

When it comes to eating humble pie, I wonder how many other Major League Baseball players have done as much as 57-year-old Brian Daubach of Belleville. Daubach spent nine seasons in the minor leagues before reaching the status he has this summer with the Boston Red Sox.

But I wonder if anyone can appreciate the humility of Robert "Joe" Schmidt, one of the fans from Belleville who will visit the Red Sox rookie when Boston plays the Chicago White Sox in early July.

It was 60 years ago this summer that Schmidt, now 81 years old, led all of professional baseball with a .441 batting average while playing third base for Duluth (Minn.) of the Class D Northern League.

"Any regrets?" I asked Schmidt the other day while pondering his statistics from 14 years of minor league baseball.

"I feel blessed," said Schmidt, who on May 3 observed 52 years of marriage with his wife, Fern.

Schmidt compiled a .324 batting average with 189 home runs and 1,162 runs batted in for 1,369 games during his pro baseball career.

In the 1939 season with the Cardinals organization, Schmidt not only recorded what stands today as the eighth-highest batting average in the minor leagues but also set an organization standard that surpassed the major league mark of .424 posted by Rogers Hornsby in 1924.

In addition to the .441 mark, the 5-foot-10 1/2, 190-pound Schmidt led the league with 133 RBI, 31 home runs, 194 hits and 113 runs scored in a 130-game season. He also recorded a 32-game hitting streak.

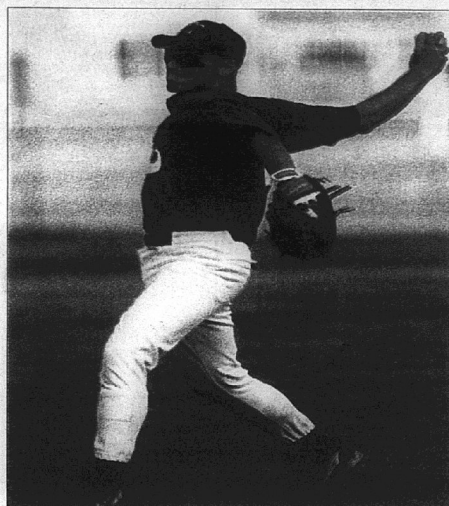
Schmidt, who had hit 289 in 71 games the previous season at Duluth, put his outstanding season — which included 29 doubles and nine triples — in simple perspective.

"They kept throwing, I kept swinging, and I had no fear," he said.

The recipient of a silver bat from the Louisville Slugger Co. for his achievement, Schmidt was promoted to Class C and then Class B in the following seasons and appeared on a path to the major leagues — until World War II.

An Army infantryman from 1942 to '45, Schmidt said one of the highlights of his time in Europe was

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Tim Stephenson photo
A bases-loaded single from Ted Millas, above, began Tri City's late damage against Post 978 on Thursday.

Late rally lifts Tri City

Post 113 tops Fairview with 6 runs in sixth

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Fairview Heights American Legion Post 978 baseball team is basically the Belleville juggernaut that ran over Southwestern Conference competition during the high school baseball season.

Tri City Post 113, meanwhile, is basically the Granite City prep team that went 12-21.

But Tri City used a late rally to turn the tables and beat Fairview 9-4 Thursday night.

Fairview got on the board in the top of the first when designated hitter Keith Tillotson's double plated Andy Schutzenhofer.

The score stayed 1-0 until the top of the fourth, when Fairview got three more on RBI from Mark LaPlantz, DeMarcus Day and Schutzenhofer.

Tri City got one back in the home half of the fourth when Matt Pistorius singled, stole second and scored an error. Post 113 got another in the fifth on Elliot Dine's hustle.

Dine doubled and took third on a passed ball, then came crashing home on Pistorius' weak grounder to pitcher Brad Binder.

The run cut the Fairview lead to 4-2.

Post 113 cracked the game open in the sixth. Teddy Millas' bases-loaded single scored Matt Mercer from third.

Dine was then hit by a pitch, forcing home Jason Acord with the tying run. Pistorius then came up with a go-ahead, two-run single.

Chris Kayich plated two more with a single, and Aaron Hoback's triple drove in the final run to complete the 9-4 victory.

"Our last three games have been one-run losses," Pistorius said. "I think we are just finally learning how to win, and it was a good time to learn. This was a big team, and it was a big win for us."

Fairview Heights coach Dennis Schutzenhofer said, "We had chances to put them away early and we didn't. When you do that, teams get confidence as you go along. They got us in the end. We were kind of out of pitching because of our tournament last week, and they got us pretty good. That's a good win for them, a good comeback win."

Post 113 also had plenty of opportunities to put the game away earlier, but couldn't come up with clutch hits until the sixth.

"We have done that for four games, this is the fifth game in a row we have done that," Tri City manager Chad Lignoul said. "We leave a lot of guys on. We get guys in certain situations, and we can't get the hits when we need them. It's a frustrating thing for these guys, it's frustrating for me. It's just one of those deals where you just have to keep going at it, you have to keep trying, and eventually, it is going to open up. Tonight, fortunately for us, it opened up at the right time."

The bench played a big role in the Tri City resurgence. "Those first four innings might have been one of the longest, most boring games I have ever seen," Lignoul said. "There was no enthusiasm, there was nothing. If you are lucky enough to have some guys who can play on the bench, sometimes when they come into the game they bring a little bit of enthusiasm."

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Collinsville resident shocks with shots

Verning aces Nos. 8, 13 at Arlington

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville resident Tim Verning is not really a betting man, but the odds were in his favor

Father's Day at Arlington Golf Course in Granite City.

Verning, who had never shot a hole-in-one in the six years he has been playing golf, recorded not one, but two aces in the same round of golf.

The 27-year-old Verning aced both the No. 8 and No. 13 holes.

PGA professional Dan Polites said the odds of that happening are one in 1 million.

"What a round," Verning said. "I'll never ever forget that round. The sad part was my dad (Lyndel Verning) left."

The morning originally started as a father-son outing on Father's Day. Verning played nine holes of golf with his dad and younger brother, Mike.

Friends Andy Walters and Dave Amsden also were playing with their fathers. When the group finished with nine holes, Lyndel Verning left to go to church.

Verning, along with Mike Verning, Walters and Amsden, elected to play another 18 holes.

The four split into two teams to play a mini-scrabble. Verning and Amsden paired up, while Walters and Mike

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Verning teamed together. The foursome started on the back nine. On the No. 13 hole, Verning reached into his bag to pull out his 7-iron. No. 13 is a water hole, and the pin placement on that day was 153 yards away.

"Mike hit a shot about 10 feet from the hole," Andy Verning said. "He was sassing off, 'Everybody beat that, beat that.' I said, 'I'll get inside of that.'"

"I hit it. It bounced twice. It looped around and went in. That's when I started jumping up and down. Andy said I was jumping on people. I don't remember that. I just remember high-fiving everybody."

Ironically, the group of eight friends with whom Verning normally golfs had just wondered about a week prior as to who would be the first of the group to record a hole-in-one.

As the group was wrapping up the day, Mike Verning and Walters were leading by three strokes with two holes

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John Swistak Jr. photo
Tim Verning recorded two holes-in-one on Father's Day at Granite City's Arlington Golf Course.

Tri City comeback falls short

Post 365 prevails 5-4

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Timely hitting and a strong outing from sophomore pitcher

LEGION BASEBALL

Collinsville Senior American Legion Post 365 to a 5-4 victory over Tri City Tuesday.

Hefflin worked six innings and survived two home runs — solo shots by Matt Pistorius and Justin Murphy. Hefflin scattered four hits and struck out five.

"They (home runs) fly out of (Arthur) Fletcher to right field," said Post 365 skipper Steve Helmkamp, whose squad improved to 8-3 and 5-3 in the North Division. "I looked the other day and we had 10 home runs and all but one were at the friendly confines of Fletcher. I wish we could play them all at Fletcher. Nick (Jones) did hit one out at O'Fallon, but to the same place in right center."

Fletcher, the right-center field alley, it's like a jet stream. I think we've maybe given up only three home against and all three are at Fletcher."

While Hefflin was doing his job on the mound, the

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Sports

Southwestern South lets go old

Women's squad beats Southwestern North 15-13, 15-11

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Prairie State Games features athletes from all over Illinois, but Friday's scholastic women's volleyball final was an all-Metro East affair.

Southwestern South, comprised of players from St. Clair and Clinton counties, earned the gold medal with a 15-13, 15-11 win over Southwestern North, comprised of players from Madison County.

The match, at the Student Fitness Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, was the second of the day between the two teams. Southwestern South also won that match by a score of 8-15, 15-4, 15-10.

"Basically all I have to do is let them play," said Southwestern South coach Jeff Juenger, a longtime coach for the Game Face club team who was recently named head coach at Gibault High School. "We practiced once a week for three or four weeks, but all the kids were not there due to job commitments and other things going on in their lives."

"In the first match, (Southwestern North) dug well and blocked well in the first game, but we had too many hitting errors. In the second and third game, our hitting took over and we played better defense. We still weren't blocking well, but that takes time."

Southwestern South cruised through pool play with a 4-0 match record, losing

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Beth Middendorf

only the one game to Southwestern North. Juenger's team pounded West Central South 15-3, 15-4 in the semifinals.

Southwestern North, coached by Bethalto Civic Memorial coach Stacey Coffman, finished third in pool play with a 2-2 record. A 15-8, 15-12 semifinal victory over Blackhawk South set up the rematch against Southwestern South.

The first game of the gold medal went back and forth, but Southwestern South finally prevailed, thanks in part to a front line which averaged more than 6 feet.

"We had some big guns on this team," said 6-0 setter Beth Middendorf, a Freeburg High graduate who will play next season at Saint Louis University. "I've played against most of these girls, so it was exciting to play with them for once."

"All the other teams were about 5-8, and almost all of us are 6 feet at least. Everybody was kind of looking at us in awe. As a setter, that gives you a lot more options. You can go to any of three girls and it doesn't matter because you know they'll put it don't."

Consistent setting by Middendorf and Meesa Olah (Belleville East) gave the hitters plenty of opportunity to display their talent.

"They're huge," Olah said of her teammates. "A lot of these girls are on teams that are so used to winning that they just won't let themselves lose."

Southwestern North led 11-8 in the second game of the title match before a three-point serving run by Susie Mueller (Valmeyer) tied the score at 11-11. With Nicole Panzau (Belleville West) serving, Southwestern North took a 12-11 lead on a kill by Emily Johnson (Mater Dei).

A Southwestern North block that went out of bounds, followed by a kill by Sarah Panzau (Belleville West) made the score 14-11. Southwestern South won the game and the match when Southwestern North's Adrienne Norbury (Collinsville) hit the ball out of bounds down the right line.

"I love Prairie State," said Nicole Panzau, who will play next season at the University of Missouri. "It gives us a chance to play with people like us (the hostess) Christi and Carrie from Brusse Central and Beth Middendorf."

Club volleyball experience also played a key role for Southwestern South.

"Most of us have played together with Game Face," said Ashley Hertzog, a defensive specialist from Belleville West.

"There were a few people they brought from other (club) teams and we just had to get used to playing with them."

Other members of the team were Elyse Molame (Gibault) and Sarah Duncan (Mater Dei).

"We did a pretty good job of passing and serving and we also did pretty well defensively. I've played with a lot of the (Southwestern South) girls, too. We were a little more pumped up for them because we lost to them before and we really wanted to beat them."

Other members of the Southwestern North squad were Nicole Shogor from Edwardsville, Kelly Topmeyer from Civic Memorial, Angela Baumgartner from Triad, Stacy DeLuca from Collinsville and Lynn Stahlhut from Metro East Lutheran.

"We have a lot of seniors and I'm going to miss them," Coffman said. "We'll have to start over next year, but we'll still have some good experience coming back."

James' hat trick

propels Region 10

Southwestern South prevails in meeting of local scholastic squads

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Prairie State Games are all about regional athletic supremacy in Illinois.

Friday, that battle for area bragging rights got micro-sized, as the Southwestern South and Southwestern North scholastic men's teams butted heads. The South came out on top 5-2.

Graduating O'Fallon star Raymond James got the South on the board early in the first half, and Belleville East junior Ryan Coates made it 2-0 at the half.

James lit the lamp again early in the second half to give the South a seemingly insurmountable 3-0 lead. But Triad's Todd Bruns got one back for the North.

Then James struck again, deking North keeper Brandon Williams (Granite City) and slipping in a little tapper for the hat trick.

Patrick Boyne (Belleville East) later worked a crisp give-and-go with David Barnett (O'Fallon), who put home goal No. 5 for the South.

Triad's Bobby Barger scored on a hard, tight chip from 18 yards as time wheezed to a close in the cloying humidity of the SIUG Soccer Field.

But file that one under the too-little, too-late department.

"We had a couple of lapses in the back, a couple of letdowns," North coach Chris Digrolamo said.

"Unfortunately, the score doesn't reflect how the game was played. Consistency was an issue. We let down at times. Depth-wise, we are stronger, but consistency was our match-up well. We just had two or three major mistakes in the back, and they finished."

That changes the flow of the game when you have two teams fighting in so-degree weather. It's just unfortunate that what I consider to be the two best teams in the competition had to meet in the first round like this. At least the South is strong again in soccer, and that was our goal with this anyway."

North midfielder Corey Winfield thought the South had more able bodies for the

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Chris Digrolamo
Region 10 coach

contest.

"They had more depth than us," he said. "We are used to playing together, and it just doesn't click sometimes. But we played well, we could have beaten them. We just had no depth and started walking around in the second half."

James, who will room with Winfield next year at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, used the space he had open and became the star of the show.

"That was an issue before the game," Digrolamo said. "We wanted to limit his time and space. On the first goal, the ball popped out, he had a 20-yard acceleration and beat four guys to the ball. That's just something that you can't mark. We should have denied him space a little bit quicker, stepped in and anticipated the play a little bit better than we did, but he just fed off of it. You have to hand it to him — the kid is great."

South coach Jason Turkington said the game was a team effort.

"His speed got him in back, but the midfield sent some great balls through to him that he ran onto," he said. "Ray was just finishing well today. But our defense played great today. We gave up two goals late and got kind of lazy, but I'm happy with the effort."

Region 10 had to wait later Friday afternoon and again on Saturday to make it through to the medal round.

With the victory, the Southwestern South's solid pre-tournament chance at gold got that much stronger.

"You never know," Turkington said. "You don't know what the other teams are going to bring, you haven't seen anyone else play. There is a lot of talent, but with this heat, you never know. Bodies dehydrate and get injured. We're looking at it right now, so we'll see what happens."

Coffman advances another step

Southwestern North team earns silver medal this year

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

If the current trend continues, Stacey Coffman will be wearing a Prairie State '99

Games gold medal this time next year.

Coffman, coach of the Southwestern North scholastic women's volleyball team, got a silver medal this year as her team lost 15-13, 15-11 to Southwestern South in Friday's title match at the Student Fitness Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"Every year I've coached the team, we've gone to the step up," said Coffman, who is head volleyball coach at Bethalto Civic Memorial High School. "Two years we didn't get a medal, and last year we got a bronze."

Coffman's squad was 2-2 in pool play, including an 8-15, 15-4, 15-10 loss to Southwestern South. A semifinal victory win over Blackhawk South set up a rematch of the two Metro East teams, and the second match was just as competitive as the first.

"The girls did a really good job — we were close every time we played them," said Coffman, a former three-sport star at Civic Memorial and a 1997 graduate of McKendree College. "The last game was the 15th game the girls played today, and that's a lot for one day."

"Everybody was great defensively and we had great serve-receive. We didn't come out with the gold medal, but we got the silver, and that's still great."

Southwestern North came out strong in its first match against Southwestern South,

but couldn't keep the momentum.

"(Southwestern South coach) Jeff Juenger has a really good team this year; they've always been a good team," said Coffman, who played for the Southwestern North open women's team. "But our team has a lot of experience. Six girls were back from last year and four of them have been playing with me in the Prairie State Games for three years — both Norburys (sisters) Adrienne and Lauren from Collinsville), Karen Boyd (Triad) and Alyson Sagovac (Triad)."

"We're pretty happy, but next year we're going to get the gold," said Boyd, who will be a senior next fall. "All but one of us had played together before, but I didn't get to practice with them because I was still playing club ball."

Several tournaments slated

Two-hundred-thirty golfers participated in the 16th annual Belleville Hospitals Classic June 7 at St. Clair County Club, while 32 tennis players took part in the Tennis Classic June 5 at Kings Point.

The events were held to raise money for Memorial and St. Elizabeth's hospitals. Memorial Hospital president Harry Maier and St. Elizabeth's executive vice president Gerald Harman were each presented with \$45,000 for their respective hospitals at the awards ceremony following the tournament.

The proceeds are used by each hospital to provide necessary services and programs for the community. In the 16-year history of the event, more than \$855,000 has been raised to benefit Belleville's two health care institutions. Prizes were awarded to the top five golf teams in two divisions, which included:

"A" FLIGHT
First place: Dr. Deatrice Kellogg, Steve Kellogg, Murray McGrady, Mike Olson, Dr. Joe Schaller.

Second place: Shawn Dolen, Gary Fitzgerald, Jim Mauch, Jim Voellinger, Gary Weibacher.

Third place: Tom Dickerson, Steve Dickerson, John Ellis, James Fornier, Ron Leary.

Fourth place: Dr. Tom Cahill, Kent Newbold, Dr. D. Tang, Steve Stiegman, Steve Wolf.

Fifth place: Jeff Baker, Tom Borcherting, Dave McCausland, Steve Sauerwein, Bob Smith.

"B" FLIGHT
First place: Dr. D. Kim, Dr. Morris Kugler, Dr. Stephen Mueller, Dr. Steve Musick, Missy Riley.

Second place: Dr. Kevin Baumer, Dr. Gregory Holdener, Dr. Bea Pardo, Dr. Tex Pardo, Dr. Lawrence Stein.

Third place: Debbie Haley, Mike Haley, Dr. Stephen Kappel, Don Terveer, Dan Witt.

Fourth place: Dr. C. Bun, Keith Cook, Kevin Pesko, Dr. S. Pichman, Dr. K. Fritz.

Fifth place: Mike Burnham, Robert Gantner, Dan Henrichs, Jim Prindle, Dan Von Alst. Drew Baur sunk a hole-in-one on No. 16 to win a new Camry from Newbold Toyota BMW. Closest-to-the-hole prizes went to Dr. Morris Kugler, Bob Mueller, Steve Stiegman, Frank Bono, Bob Goldsmith, Dr. Peter Solo and Drew Baur. Winner of the putting contest was Ron Buerger.

Winners of the round-robin tennis tournament

were:
MEN
First place: Dr. William Chadwick.
Second place: (tie): Bob Keefe and Bob Merchiori.
WOMEN
First place: Holly Kunze.
Second place: Yvonne Kenney.

Legacy scramble
Legacy Golf Course in Granite City will offer a couples two-person scramble today, Sunday. The cost is \$30 per person and includes golf cart and prizes. For more information, call 931-4663.

Kelly golf tourney
The 11th annual Dan Kelly Memorial Golf Classic will be held July 12 at Whitmore Country Club in St. Charles. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The event features five-person teams, with the option of having a celebrity player with each entered foursome. Compelling the day of activities will be the fourth annual Barclay Player Memorial Awards Dinner and Live Auction.

This year's tournament proceeds will benefit the St. Louis Blues charitable trust fund, the Fourteen Fund. All proceeds from the Fourteen Fund go to cancer research in tribute to Blues alumni Doug Wickenheiser, who lost his battle with cancer on Jan. 1, 1999.

Blues captain Chris Pronger will serve as honorary chairman of the Dan Kelly Classic. Kelly, the longtime Blues broadcaster, joined the team during the 1968-69 season and was its play-by-play announcer for the next 21 years. A member of the National Hockey League Hall of Fame in the broadcasters' section, Kelly was diagnosed with cancer and lost his fight on Feb. 10, 1989.

Once again, the Barclay Player Memorial Awards Dinner and Live Auction will be held following the golf tournament in honor of the former Blues captain and coach, who also died of cancer in 1989, one year and one day prior to Kelly's death.

For more information or to register for the tournament, call Whitmore Country Club at (314) 922-9622, extension 112, or the St. Louis Blues at (314) 622-5456.

American Legion schedule

American Legion
District 22
Senior Schedule
June 27

Fairview Heights at Bethalto, 1 p.m.
Highland at Duplo, 1 p.m.
Edwardsville at Belleville, 2 p.m.

Nashville at Ziegler, 2 p.m.
Waterloo at Smithton, 2 p.m.
O'Fallon at Ellisville (Mo.), 3 p.m.

Alton at Belleville, 5 p.m.
Cahokia at Troy, 7 p.m.

Edwardsville at Smithton, 6 p.m.
Edwardsville at South Roxana, 6 p.m.
Waterloo at Tri City, 7:30 p.m.

East St. Louis at Alton, 7 p.m.
Collinsville at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Columbia at Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.

O'Fallon at Imperial, 8 p.m.

Bethalto at East St. Louis, 6 p.m.
O'Fallon at Columbia, 6 p.m.

Fairview Heights at Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.
Tri City at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.

Nashville at Belleville, 8 p.m.
Collinsville at Troy, 8:30 p.m.

Waterloo at Bethalto, 6 p.m.
Belleville at Fairview Heights, 6 p.m.

Alton at Tri City, 7 p.m.
Smithton at Highland, 8 p.m.

July 1
Tri City at East St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Belleville at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

July 2
Belleville at Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.
Tri City at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Tri City at Nashville, 3 p.m.

July 3
Collinsville at Fairview Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Columbia at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Belleville at South Roxana, 5 p.m.
Cahokia at Duplo, 6 p.m.

Smithton at Alton, 7:30 p.m.
Highland at Collinsville, 7:45 p.m.

July 8
Tri City at Troy, 8:30 p.m.
Belleville at Bethalto, 6 p.m.

South Roxana at Collinsville, 6 p.m.
Duplo at Columbia, 6 p.m.

Edwardsville at Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.
O'Fallon at Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Vernon at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
East St. Louis at Collinsville, 8 p.m.

Alton at Bethalto, 6 p.m.
Smithton at East St. Louis, 6 p.m.

O'Fallon at South Roxana, 6 p.m.
Cahokia at Tri City, 7 p.m.

Troy at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.
Columbia at Highland, 8 p.m.

July 9
Fairview Heights at Alton, 12 p.m.
Edwardsville at Bethalto, 2 p.m.

O'Fallon at Smithton, 2 p.m.
Belleville at Waterloo, 4 p.m.

Nashville at Troy, 7 p.m.
East St. Louis at Fairview Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Dupo at Collinsville, 8 p.m.
Columbia at Tri City, 8 p.m.

Alton at Bethalto, 6 p.m.
Smithton at East St. Louis, 6 p.m.

O'Fallon at South Roxana, 6 p.m.
Cahokia at Tri City, 7 p.m.

Troy at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.
Columbia at Highland, 8 p.m.

Tri City at Salem, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.

Waterloo at Belleville, 8 p.m.
East St. Louis at Troy, 8:30 p.m.

Carlyle at Smithton, 7 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.

Troy's six-game winning streak provides drastic turnaround

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

It's been the same brand of baseball with different results

for the Troy American Legion baseball team. Troy opened the summer with three losses by a combined four runs. But it has since won six games in succession — capped by a thrilling 11-7 victory against

Smithtown Tuesday night. "We played exactly the same kind of baseball in these last few games as we did in the first three," Troy coach Doug Kreitner said. "But now we are being rewarded with victories."

Kreitner was not disappointed with the losses to O'Fallon (6-5), Highland (8-6) and Bethalto (5-4). He just

wanted to make sure that his players did not give up after the close defeats. "The kids never got down," Kreitner said. "We played well enough to win in those first three games. And three games that early in the season is not going to make or break our season. It may well help us down the line."

Troy got the elusive first

victory June 17 and did so in a big way with a six-inning 12-2 triumph over Alton. Troy had 19 hits in the game. Todd Baebler, Craig Knabe and Nick Rahar led the way with three hits apiece. Mike Reinacher sent the distance in recording the win on the mound. Baebler had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI, and Jared Hayes had a home run in a 7-5 victory against Collinsville June 19. Troy got off to a good start in that game with a 6-1 lead after three innings. That would prove to be enough for Dave Jablonski, who gave up 13 hits in a complete-game effort.

Troy doubled its pleasure June 20 as it won a pair of games over Duplo and Columbia. It defeated Duplo 9-3 with Kyle Byrne and Andy Lewis leading the way with four and three hits

respectively. Two seven-run innings keyed a 19-7 triumph over Columbia. Troy scored seven in the seventh inning and seven again in the eighth. Rahar had four hits and Justin McBride had three for Troy. Kyle Weismeyer, Trevor Yates, Hayes and Patrick Huber added two hits, while Andy Lewis had three RBI.

The biggest win of the early season came the next day as Troy defeated Fairview Heights 5-3 behind the pitching of Mike Duff. Jablonski pitched the seventh inning to record the save. Troy made it six in a row with the victory against Smithtown.

Rahar and Lewis had key hits in a six-run fifth inning, and Baebler ended the game with a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning.

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Schmidt boasts major feat

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meeting his brother Leland "Pee Wee" Schmidt, also in the Army, near the Rhine River in Germany.

When Schmidt returned to pro ball at age 28 in 1945, he joined Amman, Ala., an independent team in the Class B Southern League, and hit .319. He also hit 19 home runs and drove in 76 runs but

admitted, "My throwing arm had diminished."

Despite that, Schmidt's bat never slowed during eight more years as a pro, including three as a Class D player-manager. In 1954 at Paris, Ill., of the Mississippi-Ohio Valley League, Schmidt concluded his career in a remarkable fashion: 337 average, 22 home runs, 125 RBI, 30 doubles, 14 triples, 155 hits and 105 runs scored in 123 games.

"It was time to come home," Schmidt said, referring to Fern and daughters Sandra (now Mrs. Sandra Malsberger of O'Fallon) and Deborah (now Mrs. Deborah Reichert of Belleville).

Years as an employee with the Mobil Oil Refinery in East St. Louis and then Phillips Petroleum followed, but memories — including induction into the Mississippi-Ohio Valley Hall of Fame — remained. "They included a season of playing for manager Walter Alston in Portsmouth, Ohio, and a spring training in Springfield, Mo., where Branch Rickey presided over 400 players trying to make the rosters of four minor league teams."

"It all seems like yesterday," said Schmidt, who was signed out of the Cardinals' tryout camp at the Athletic Field in Belleville in 1937, the same year Belleville Township pitcher Les Mueller was signed by the Detroit Tigers.

"We bought our bats at a drug store when I was in (Cathedral) high school," said Schmidt, who used a 34-inch, 33-ounce bat in pro ball. Not given a raise after his sensational 1939 season and never publicly recognized by the Cardinals for his achievement, Schmidt said he had no regrets, even though the Yankees at one time were said to have had an interest in him.

"The game has not changed much in a sense of who you know and who has a liking for you," said Schmidt. "The fundamentals and the money are not the same as when I played."

Of Daubach, Schmidt said: "After nine years in the minors (and a brief stint with the Florida Marlins last season), it's nice to see someone finally give him a break."

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Verning aces two holes at local golf course

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remaining. Verning thought his brother and Walters would earn the day's bragging rights. Then came the par 3, 173-yard No. 8 hole. This time Verning grabbed a 5-iron. "That was the lucky (hole-in-one). Well, they were both lucky," Verning said. "There is a mound in front of the green. The last thing I've hit the green only twice before. I hit the front of the fringe and it kicked left. I thought it rolled off because it had a lot of steam. "They (Walters and brother

Mike) ran up there and didn't see it. Andy walked over to the hole. He threw his arms up in the air and said, 'Tim, why don't you reach in here and grab your ball.' I started freaking out." Walters and Mike Verning succumbed to the pressure and bogeyed the hole, leaving the two teams tied. Verning and Amaden won the battle, making par on the No. 9 hole, while Mike Verning and Walters bogeyed the hole. "There are things I wanted to do in golf, one was that (the hole-in-one) and break par," Verning said. "I haven't done that yet. I shot a 73 — 1-over par."

"I hit it... It bounced twice. It looped around and went in. That's when I started jumping up and down. Andy said I was jumping on people. I don't remember that. I just remember high-fiving everybody."

Tim Verning
Collinsville resident

Soccer tryouts

The Independent Ladies under-16 soccer team will conduct open tryouts June 29, July 6 and July 13 (6-8 p.m. each day) at Horseshoe Lake Soccer Fields. For information, call 344-2702.

The Collinsville United Lady Celtics under-14 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 8 and July 13 at the United Soccer Complex in Collinsville. Tryouts 6 p.m. each night. For information, call 344-8345.

The under-12 Collinsville United soccer team tryouts will be 6-8 p.m. each day June 15, 16, 23 and 24 at Von Fossan soccer fields. For information, call 346-1981.

Southern Illinois United Soccer Club soccer tryouts for boys and girls ages 12-14 for 1999 fall season will be 6-7:30 p.m. each of the following days at the following locations: June 21 at Benbow Field in Wood River; June 22 at Miners Park in Glen Carbon; June 23 at Gordon Moore Park in Alton; and June 24 at Trimp Junior High in Bethalto. For information, call 465-3088, ext. 4.

The Southern Illinois Soccer League registration is open to boys teams under-8 through under-14 and girls teams under-8 through under-19. The league is comprised of competitive travel teams competing in southern Illinois. For information, call George Schwendemann at 451-0527.

The Collinsville United Revolution U-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts at the United Soccer Fields off McDonough Lake Road for girls born after Aug. 1, 1985. Tryout dates are 6 p.m. on June 15, June 22 and July 1; 10 a.m. on July 10; 6 p.m. on July 28, and 10 a.m. on July 31. For more information, call 667-3438 or 931-8392.

The Independent under-13 boys soccer team will conduct tryouts July 6 (6-8 p.m.) and July 10 (10 a.m.-12 noon) at the Collinsville United Soccer Fields, north of Van Fossen Complex. For information, call 345-5543.

The Collinsville United Invasion under-11 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 (6-8 p.m. each day) at the Collinsville United Fields. For information, call 345-1260 or 345-7192.

The Southwest Select Soccer Club under-11 boys team will conduct open tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 at Horseshoe Lake Fields. Tryouts are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. each day. For information, call 345-0673 or 344-3805.

The under-12 Southwest Select Ambush are conducting open tryouts for the 1999-2000 competitive season. Boys born in 1988, or August through December 1987, are eligible to try out. The team is looking for five to six additional players.

Tryouts will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on July 7 and 12-30 p.m. on July 18 at Horseshoe Lake in Collinsville. Shin guards are required along with a No. 4 ball, drinking water, a copy of the player's birth certificate and a passport type of school photo. For more information, call 345-6036.

The Southwest Select Sting under-14 girls soccer team, playing out of the Metro East, will have tryouts for the fall of 1999 and spring of 2000 season. Tryouts are 6 p.m. June 17 and 10 a.m. July 17 at Horseshoe Lake soccer fields, located off Hwy. 111. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, are eligible. For information, call 931-0976 or 556-7840.

The Granite City Elks '86 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts 6-8 p.m. on June 16 and June 24 and 12 noon to 2 p.m. June 26 at the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College. Players must be born between Aug. 1986 and July 31, 1986.

All candidates must wear a white shirt and shin guards. Players must bring a size 5 ball, water and a birth certificate. For more information or a rain date, call 931-3053 or 931-8207.

Collinsville United Purple Crush under-15 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts at the United Fields located off McDonough Lake Road. Tryouts are 7 p.m. June 15, June 22 and July 1; 11 a.m. July 10; 7 p.m. July 28 and 11 a.m. July 31. For information, call 667-3438 or 344-4132.

Metro FC select soccer tryouts for the 1999-2000 season will be held at the Metro FC Soccer Complex, located on Bluff Road on the campus of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Each player will need to bring a soccer ball, a copy of his/her birth certificate, a small school picture and shin guards. Tryouts are for the following boys and girls teams: June 30: 5:30 p.m. (85, 108, 118, 128); 6:30-8 p.m. (96, 106, 116, 126); July 1: 5:30 p.m. (136, 146, 156); 6:30-8 p.m. (136, 146, 156); July 6: 6-8 p.m. (158, 168, 178, 188). Individual tryouts can be arranged over the phone by calling the Metro FC office at 667-8333.

The Collinsville United Explosion U-16 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts at the United Soccer Fields off McDonough Lake Road for girls born after Aug. 1, 1985. Tryout dates are from 6-8 p.m. on July 7, 13 and 20. For more information, call 346-8070 or 345-8724.

The Belleville Shooters boys select soccer teams will be holding tryouts as follows: — U-10 (born after Aug. 1, 1989): July 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Laderman Park in Belleville. — U-11 (born after Aug. 1, 1989): July 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Laderman Park. — U-14 (born after Aug. 1, 1985): July 14, 6-7:30 p.m., Laderman Park. For more information, call 233-7298.

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line-up supplied him with just enough offense. "The key was we got a well-pitched game from Heflin and timely hitting," Helmkamp said. "We got a two-out, two-run RBI triple from (Justin) Clayton, a two-out RBI single from (Adam) Embick and a

two-run home run from Wayne (Astrauskas) in the first. We also had a good relief appearance from Dan Munoz. Astrauskas' home run to right-center field gave Post 365 a 2-1 lead after one inning. Two innings later, Clayton drilled a ball into the gap for a two-run triple and increased Post 365's lead to 4-1.

Embick's RBI single in the fourth proved to be the game-winning RBI. Tri City made it interesting late, plating one run in the sixth and two more in the seventh before Munoz closed out the game to record the save. "Dan comes in and throws strikes," Helmkamp said. "He throws hard and keeps guys off balance. I think he enjoys it (the closer's

role)." Scott Schardan went the distance for Tri City and took the loss. He struck out six and walked six. Post 365 hosted Cahokia Friday night. Helmkamp also said Post 365 will open with Columbia and Champaign on the opening day of the Tournament of Champions, July 1.

Post 113 crushes Fairview with late rally

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and you just have to try to do something a little bit different. "It's nothing to slight any of those guys who came out of the game, it's just that sometimes you want to mix it up a little bit and hope that it's right. Tonight it worked out." Tri City hopes the Thursday lambasting serves as a launching pad for better results. "We have been at the bottom and all we can do is go up," Pistorius said. "Tonight all we did was show that we

"We have been at the bottom and all we can do is go up. Tonight all we did was show that we could do it. We battled back."

Matt Pistorius

could do it. We battled back, and I think that players are developing character." Fairview fell to 10-5 overall and 4-4 in

league play. They travel to Bethalto today for a game at 1 p.m. Tri City raised its record to 3-6 and is off until Monday, when the team plays Waterloo. "Hopefully the three days off will give us a little bit of a rest," Lignoul said. "We have played three days in a row, and we aren't real deep in the pitching department, so it will give those guys a bit of a rest. We have our busiest week of the year next week. We play six games, so it will be a big week for us. If you play well, you win more than you lose, it can turn the season around for you."

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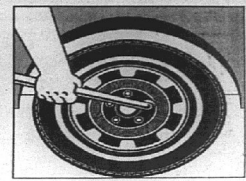
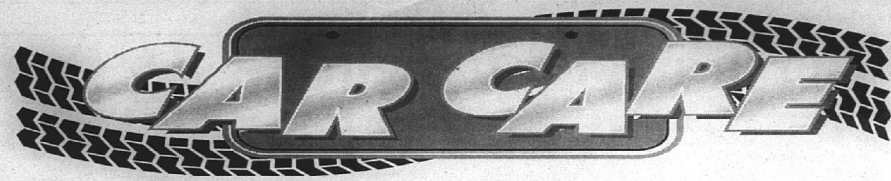
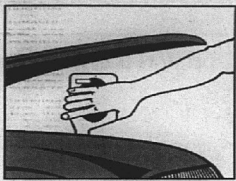
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Auto body shops expand in scope, location

By Steve Bryan
Correspondent

No matter how carefully a person operates his or her vehicle, no car stays in showroom condition forever. Sooner or later, a runaway shopping cart or another automobile puts a dent or scratch in the finish. Even a small fender-bender may cause extensive damage that only an auto body shop can repair.

"Collision-repair work is expensive, and it's expensive work to have done," said Steve Schaefer, owner of Schaefer Auto Body Centers, which has locations in Fenton, Ellenville and Webster Groves. "The majority of the cars that get it done have insurance to pay the

cost of it."

"We work on all makes of cars, primarily cars which are eight years old or newer. When you get into older cars, in a lot of cases there is no collision insurance, for the cost of repairs exceeds the value of the car."

Schaefer said that with older cars, there are other issues to deal with such as rust, corrosion and worn-out parts. "You end up with a lot of gray areas in those cases," Schaefer said. "Was the damage caused by the accident or was this part just worn out? It's not easy to make that determination in a manner that everyone agrees with."

Schaefer Auto Body Centers started in 1985 when Schaefer,

then working as a service manager for Moore Cadillac in Ellenville, purchased Gary's Corvette in Webster Groves. This was all auto body and mechanical shop specializing in Corvette repair.

Schaefer expanded the business to include all makes of late-model cars. His technicians still work on Corvettes, but that particular type of car is only a small part of his business.

Today, technicians at Schaefer Auto Body Centers do collision-repair work, the refinishing work that is done along with the collision repair and whatever mechanical work needs to be done as a result of the collision.

"For example, let's say that your radiator gets damaged in

a collision," Schaefer said. "That's a mechanical part that has to get replaced at the same time as the body work. We can go ahead and do that."

"Sometimes, if there's a real small part of the job that we're not comfortable doing ourselves, we'll sublet that to a mechanical shop that we work with. That way, our customers don't have to deal separately with the mechanical work."

During the last 14 years, Schaefer expanded his business by opening a new location in Ellenville in April 1996. A third location opened in Fenton in January.

"You definitely get nervous about expanding the business," Schaefer said. "It's exciting until you start looking at the liability you're taking on, and

that can definitely cause you to be nervous. You're adding a lot of employees who depend on you to make good decisions."

Schaefer said he chose Ellenville because he has lived in West County for 15 years and always felt the opportunity was good there for this type of business.

"My attitude toward Fenton was very similar," Schaefer said. "A lot of my employees live out on Highway 30. There's a lot of development going on all along that Highway 30 corridor. It's a very opportunity-laden area."

In August 1996, Schaefer acquired Whitehead Auto Body in Barnhart, a shop owned by one of his friends who wanted to get out of the business.

Since Barnhart is a rural area, Schaefer said that half his business there is on late-model pickup trucks.

With four locations to oversee, Schaefer said the whole process of managing a business changes. He relies more and more on his managers to make the necessary decisions at each location.

"Everybody is doing a fine job, and they're doing good work," Schaefer said. "We've still got some coordination issues that we want to improve on."

"Our focus this summer is to improve our operations, overall, individually and how they work together overall. We're about two-thirds of the way there."

Repair people have evolved along with the automobile

America has now passed the 100th anniversary of the automobile, commemorating more than a century-long love affair between owners and their cars.

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A major player in the evolution of the automobile, often taken for granted, is the person who fixes it. After all, the same holds true today as it did 100 years ago: if an automobile is properly cared for by its owner, it will provide a level of personal freedom, mobility, enjoyment and convenience like no other

mode of transportation.

Fixing a problem on your automobile quickly and correctly the first time has become a 60 percent efficiency rating," Stamey said.

There are particles in your oil that are much smaller than 40 to 50 microns in size, or smaller than the diameter of an average human hair. Your filter needs to be able to take out 99 percent of those," he said.

A filter needs to be able to hold these trapped particles until your next filter change, which is the filter's capacity. A low capacity filter can become "plugged" by the contaminants, and oil will no longer be able to flow through the media caused by the oil including the contaminants, to be pumped directly to the engine.

Another important factor to consider when selecting a filter is the engine gasket seal. Consumers removing a used filter will have an indication that the filter seal is inadequate if it is difficult to remove, leaks or has bound to the engine. A premium filter features a seal that is resistant to heat and oil, offers minimal resistance when removed and does not leak over the life of the filter.

Most vehicle manufacturers recommend that you change your oil filter every 3,000 to 4,000 miles to ensure optimal engine performance and life.

Air Filters: Air filters are the air your engine breathes. Clean and uncontaminated air, exhaust, soot, vegetable matter, dust and dirt. Consumers can determine the quality of an air filter by the quality of the media, such as media, media efficiency and capacity and construction, including pleat distribution, inner and outer screens and seals.

Media: As with oil filters, the quality of the media is one of the most important factors in selecting an air filter. Again, the higher the efficiency rating — the filter's ability to remove the contaminants — the better the filter.

The demand for talented and motivated young people to join the ranks of automotive service and repair is a necessity to keep America's love affair with the automobile alive and well.

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Selecting top-grade filters a difficult decision

Selecting the best filters for your car can be one of the most difficult decisions that do-it-yourselfers have to make when buying automotive parts. It's also one of the most important because the wrong filter can shorten the life of your car.

"Your vehicle manufacturer will tell you the correct dimensional characteristics and mounting configurations for your filter, but, once inside an autoparts store, you might find dozens of filters with those specifications," said Bill Stamey, spokesman for Wix Filters.

How can consumers determine which filter is the best? A little knowledge about filter design will go a long way.

"We've learned that the best way to design filters for the standard automobile is to test our materials and design concepts on cars that push their engines to the limit," Stamey said. "Field tests on cars racing in the NASCAR Winston Cup series allow us to evaluate various media and other materials and apply that knowledge to new products for passenger cars and trucks."

This research was instrumental in assisting the engineers who designed the new NASCAR filter, he said. Tests showed that the engine in a passenger car is affected by stop-and-go driving to the grocery store in some of the same ways that a stock car is affected by 175 mph, 500-mile races. Engineers were able to use this knowledge to design a filter that would provide non-racing cars with the

same premium performance.

Designing filters may be a science, but choosing the best one for your car doesn't require an engineering degree. Armed with the appropriate knowledge and a few minutes for comparison shopping, an educated consumer can determine the better quality oil and air filters.

Oil Filters: Dirt and other contaminants absorbed into the engine's oil can be the worst contributor to reduced engine life and performance. By catching and holding this dirt, oil filters protect your car's engine and prolong its life. In order to do this successfully, the filter must have quality media, high efficiency and capacity ratings within the media and rigorous construction including center tube, endcaps and seals.

Media: Media is the material that makes up the actual filter. It can be cellulose, a third of the paper-type media, cellulose blended with synthetics or completely synthetic. A cellulose media is as strong as one with synthetic content, and many high quality filters contain a cellulose and fiberglass blend.

The engine's oil flows through tiny pores in the media, trapping contaminants in the material. The higher the filter's efficiency rating, the more the filter is able to remove those contaminants from the oil flow.

"A high grade filter will have an efficiency rating over the life of the filter of

up to 90 percent, although some filters offer as low as a 60 percent efficiency rating," Stamey said.

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The combination of high efficiency and high capacity ratings are the most important factors in determining the quality of oil filters," Stamey said.

Construction: Consumers should also evaluate the filter's inner elements, or its construction, which includes the filter's center tube, endcaps and seals. The center tube is the foundation of the filter element. Spiral, welded and rolled lock seam.

"The center tube needs to be able to withstand the pressure of the oil flow if the media plugs," Stamey said. A spiral center tube, which literally looks like a

spiral, is the strongest. The design allows more pleats to be added which increases oil flow and reduces restriction in the filter.

Consumers can determine the type of tube by looking down into the center of the filter," he said.

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The media in a high quality filter will give a 98 percent efficiency rating.

"A Winston Cup car needs to last about 500 miles. Our cars have to live 100,000 miles or more," Stamey said. "But the filters for both cars need to provide the same basic function: maximum air flow, low restriction and high efficiency."

Pleat Distribution: Air flow is one of the determining factors for engine performance. Even pleat distribution in the air filter will provide a smooth, even air flow throughout the filter. Pleat distribution that is uneven or too wide can result in a restricted filter.

"Take the filter off the shelf and out of its box; it should have nice even pleats bunched up pleats. That will ensure nice, even air flow," he said.

Four pleats per inch in radial filters and seven pleats per inch in panel filters are the best pleat counts available, Stamey said. Some filters offer as few as two to three pleats per inch in radial filters.

Screens: The inner and outer screens around the filter provide strength and protect the media. High quality filters have corrosion resistant metal features. For the highest quality filter, look for an epoxy-coated inner wire which will last ten times longer than a galvanized wire.

Seals: The structural integrity of radial and panel filters requires different types of seals.

Finish keeps car younger

Whether you own a new vehicle, or a not-so-new vehicle, you want the finish to maintain a high quality look. Here are some simple tips to follow to help ensure your finish will look its best.

➤ Wash off dirt prior to washing a car. Any dirt that is rubbed into the surface can cause scratches.

➤ Wash the car in the shade using cool water and a mild detergent.

➤ Rinse off as much soil as possible before washing. Allow water to sheet off the car by taking the nozzle off the hose when you're done.

➤ Clean the tires first, then the wheels. Cleaning the wheels is important since the brake dust and road salt can cause irreversible corrosion.

➤ Wash in straight lines, not circles, and use overlapping strokes to make less standing water for you to dry off.

➤ Wipe up wet car damp or wet cloth, not dry.

➤ Avoid parking under trees which may drop sap.

➤ On newer model cars, do not attempt to "polish" light scratches. Most new vehicles have a clear coat finish that can be damaged if you do not use the proper method.

➤ Never wax a car in direct sunlight. If your car's metal temperature is too hot, the chemicals in the wax can prematurely damage your car's finish.

➤ Get a complete detail once a year.

➤ When washing your vehicle by hand, take the time to run your wash mitt along the inside bottom edge of the doors, lift gate, hood and trunk. These areas trap dirt and moisture causing premature rusting.

➤ Avoid brush style car washes as they can cause dirt to scratch the car's surface.

➤ High-powered sprays in car washes often blast grit into the car's finish, eventually wearing down paint. Use the lowest possible setting when using the "do-it-yourself" car washes.

➤ Don't place grocery bags, luggage or other objects on the top or trunk to avoid scratching the finish.

These tips were provided by Kurt Mueller, owner of Kurt's CARSTAR Collision Center. These tips and others may be found on CARSTAR's web site at www.carstar.com.

Most air conditioning changes won't be noticed

Despite rumored increases in vehicle air conditioning repair costs and reports about possible R-12 shortages, automotive service experts predict that most consumers won't even notice changes in car and truck air conditioner and service practices.

The main reason for this optimism is that leading car makers and replacement part and chemical manufacturers have joined in a cooperative effort to work out the technical difficulties that would have made things more costly and potentially uncomfortable for U.S. drivers in the future.

You've seen print and TV reports that R-12 is being phased-out because it is

harmful to the earth's ozone layer. But just because U.S. companies will no longer be allowed to produce or import R-12, doesn't mean it is illegal or even inappropriate to use it in systems originally designed for R-12.

"One of the key reasons for the U.S. Government agreed to phase out R-12 rather than just outlawing it overnight, was to reduce the economic impact on consumers," Bolton said.

Car makers and repair experts agree that cars and trucks, regardless of make and model, should be repaired and recharged with the original type of refrigerant, not retro-converted to use alternative chemicals. For those with 1993 or older

cars, that probably means R-12. Anything newer is most likely equipped with newer ozone-friendly R-134a. (Check your service manual to be sure.)

Either way, there's little room for interpretation, said Bolton.

"Treat your car or truck's air conditioner like other tested vehicle systems and have it professionally serviced," he said. "The days of tapping off an A/C system to make it through the hot summer months are over. From now on, the best way to save time and avoid aggravation is to have a service provider repair the air conditioner to proper working order and refill it

with the original type refrigerant."

The R-12 phase-out is proceeding as scheduled with supplies expected to dwindle some time in the next few years. By then, most vehicles brought in for service will have factory R-134a A/C systems anyway.

You shouldn't have a problem getting your car fixed by a reputable repair shop.

For now, there's plenty of refrigerant R-12 available. In fact, car makers, major parts suppliers and others have literally millions of pounds of R-12 in reserve. Add the fact that service industry recycling efforts are yielding more re-usable

R-12 than expected, and it's clear that R-12 supplies will be enough to cover America's service needs for the next several years.

Avoid so-called "drop-in" refrigerants. Unapproved blends are dangerous and may cause costly damage to your car's A/C system. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Most service dealers and repair shops have invested in equipment and training to prepare their technicians to work on both R-12 and newer R-134a A/C systems. They'll be glad to show their credentials and explain system changes.

Adversity can turn into strength

Have you ever walked in the midst of a beautiful, lush forest and suddenly came upon a stark rock quarry?

The lovely earth has been scarred. Great machines broke away the big chunks of rocks, and left the forest to heal itself.

Let us ponder the similar circumstances in our lives. Perhaps pain and hardship serve the same purpose in human beings. Maybe the trials that have scarred our lives have really helped us develop a sense of direction so that we may ultimately reach the destination intended for us.

When an artist gets a block of marble delivered, it is just a large, rough chunk of rock. The artist sits and broods over it until he sees something within it. With a revelation in his heart and mind, he knows he can bring forth beauty from that hard, cold stone.

As he diligently works, with strikes of chisel and hammer, great chunks drop to the floor in broken pieces. But after weeks, months and even years, the stone takes shape and form and becomes a masterpiece of beauty.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

Out of difficulties come opportunities for tremendous growth, wisdom and patience. Tough times can turn into strength of character, healing and deepening love.

Learn from the pains of yesterday and forget the failures. No matter what mistakes you have made, God forgives and forgets. A new life can begin for you today. The storms we experience certainly will not cease, but by the grace of God you can choose to rise above them.

"No matter what comes my way I always keep my faith and I never give up," reader Lena Consiglio said.

If you had a child to raise into mature adulthood, with fine character and full wisdom, would you let the child have his or her way all the time? Would you let that child eat candy for every meal because it tastes good? Would you let that child play all the time because it's fun?

If you really loved that child, you wouldn't. Remember, God is a Father and he allows hard times to come into our lives for the same reason we make our children eat vegetables, clean their rooms and do their chores.

Character is not a gift, it is a victory. He has a purpose in allowing these things.

We can't run away if something throws us. Take a deep breath and try to understand the reason God allowed it. Let us get to the place where no one or nothing can offend us.

Things are going to happen to us all along the way. We must not act rashly. If we pause and think, perhaps we can see the good to come out of the situation.

Sometimes things seem so dark and we don't see what

God is doing. No matter the circumstance, let the word of God work in you. For the Bible says, "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose."

You have seen with your eyes the works of the greatest artist painted over the sky at sunset. Respect God and he allows the chisel and hammer to deliver its blows upon your life.

Don't hang your head down staring at the broken pieces. Lift up your eyes to God. Thank God at every opportunity, for when you put your faith completely in him, he will take care of your needs more wonderfully than you could ever ask.

Trust in God's goodness and follow where he leads. For if you wait in love and patience, one day you will know that you yourself have become God's masterpiece... an object of grace, beauty and love... a reflection of God himself.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals.

Library, fire station will benefit from grants

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Glen Carbon's library and a fire station will benefit from grants that were recently announced as part of this year's state budget.

Also, grants for construction of a senior citizens/community center, the addition of parkland and the renovation of the south portion of Meridian Road are just a few of the other upcoming projects, officials said.

"We didn't expect to get all these requests," Village Trustee Ben Maliszewski said.

Officials aren't sure when grant money from the Illinois General Assembly's annual budget and from Gov. George Ryan's "Illinois FIRST" plan will arrive.

However, Maliszewski said renovations to the police station will take only one year rather than two because of the funding.

Major renovations are expected for the Glen Carbon Fire Station No. 2, near Dairy Queen, said Fire Protection District president Tom Dustman.

"We've estimated that the renovation project will cost about \$500,000, but plans are still very preliminary," Dustman said, adding that meetings have begun with potential architects.

He said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, helped Glen Carbon secure \$110,000 from this year's budget for the renovations. The district also has nearly \$60,000 in its accumulation fund.

"We've got roughly a third of the total cost," Dustman said. "We'll seek other methods of financing and are researching federal grants, a possible bond issue and low-interest financing through Madison County Community Development or local lending institutions."

With plenty of land available around the fire station, Dustman said the addition of a second garage bay could allow the use of an ambulance.

"We're working well with Edwardsville (and its ambulance service) now, but we could expand if we need to."

The station, which is one of two that serve the volunteer fire department, could be upgraded with kitchen facilities, a day lounge and sleeping facilities.

"There are no specific needs since we're all volunteers right now," Dustman said. But in the master plan we put together two years ago, the Village Board thought these things were important.

A training room, a community service room, an improved storage area for fire district records and upgraded restrooms and showers also are included in plans.

The Glen Carbon Centennial Library also was the beneficiary of a state grant, although library director Anne Hughes said she hasn't had the chance to figure out how it will be spent.

"We're very pleased. We hope to continue to grow and get bigger and bigger. We want to spend it exactly how the public would want us to."

Hughes said the 25,000-item library, which is only seven years old, receives many requests for audio books. Some computers probably will be upgraded, and another

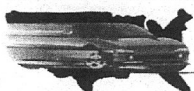
computer may be purchased. "Last year, we received the same grant from the Illinois general budget," Hughes said. "Hoffman obtained it for us, and we obtained computer hardware and software technology."

The village's Senior Citizen/Community Center, which had groundbreaking ceremonies recently, is ready for construction. There will be \$225,000 appropriated out of this year's state budget for construction and furnishings, on top of the \$120,000 the village received last year from Illinois and \$125,000 in 1998

from Madison County. That should create an

overflow of about \$90,000 that can go to other items.

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The Clean Air Partnership is coordinating efforts to increase awareness about the air quality.

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Booklet looks at farmers markets

Homegrown produce beckons the lovers of berries, summer beans and autumn apples.

"But finding these delectable and savory fruits and vegetables can be quite a challenge, especially for residents who are new to the area," says Carol Schlitt, nutrition and wellness educator with University of Illinois Extension.

As a starting reference, University of Illinois Extension in collaboration with University Outreach and Extension in Missouri has compiled a list of over 70 farmer's markets, roadside stands and pick-your-own farms in the St. Louis Bi-State area.

For a copy of the booklet, send \$2 to the Madison-St. Clair Unit offices. Offices are available at 900 Hillsboro, P.O. Box 427, Edwardsville, and P.O. Box 405, 1-S Third St., Belleville, 62222.



Linda Gass Burgess photos

GED graduates

Belleville Area College recently held a ceremony for students who graduated from the college's GED program and earned their high school equivalency degrees. Pictured are GED graduates, from left, Beth Green of Collinsville, Vickie Linn Ramer of Caseyville, Mindy Mersinger of Collinsville and Nicole Taylor of Caseyville.

Milestones

June 21
— Erin Tongay is 27
— Charlene Crider is 52
— Marguerita Skipper is 39
— Charles Burns also celebrates a birthday

June 28
— Valerie (Brinker) Slover and Beth Cline celebrate their 30th birthdays
— Mike Barton Jr. is 29
— Billy Temple is 9
— Bonnie Jackson and Louise Favier also celebrate birthdays

June 29
— Frank Dutko is 72
— Diana Turner and David Bridick celebrate their 39th birthdays
— Terrance Alfaro is 14
— Also celebrating a birthday are Rose Gum and Sherri Scrum Finke

June 30
— Eleanor Armour is 52
— Raymond Burris is 34
— Angela Grupas is 35
— Michele Myatt is 13
— Katie Marshall is 18
— Monica Ozanich is 12
— Gina Carter Hill is 28
— Vernon Skipper is 84
— Also celebrating a birthday is

July 1
— Gene Bellman turns 71
— Also celebrating birthdays: Robert "Bob" Parks, Sandy Burns, Leah Carpenter, Caitlin Elizabeth Stacy, Matt Albaugh
— Betty Hamilton turns 70
— Also celebrating a birthday: Cole Michael Coppersmith, Bryan Shaw

July 3
— Sean Fortune and Ronnie Adamson turn 15
— Amber Lynn Radford and Amber Radcliff turn 16
— Harry Peterson turns 51
— Aleene Robertson celebrates her 52nd birthday
— Also celebrating birthdays: Richard A. Mendez Jr, Helen Mueller, Jesse Parker

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.
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Military

James Briggs

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Briggs, son of Perry and Carol Townsend of Granite City, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Wadsworth, homeported in San Diego.

The 1990 graduate of Granite City High School of Granite City, joined the Navy in November 1990.

Eric Hornbostel

Air Force Capt. Eric Hornbostel is involved in part of one of 250 troops assigned to Little Rock Air Force Base.

Ark., who deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in support of Operation Joint Forge.

The troops, eight cargo aircraft and equipment, are scheduled for a 60-day stay at Ramstein Air Base before returning to Little Rock Air Force Base.

He is the son of William and Mary Hornbostel of Collinsville, Tenn.

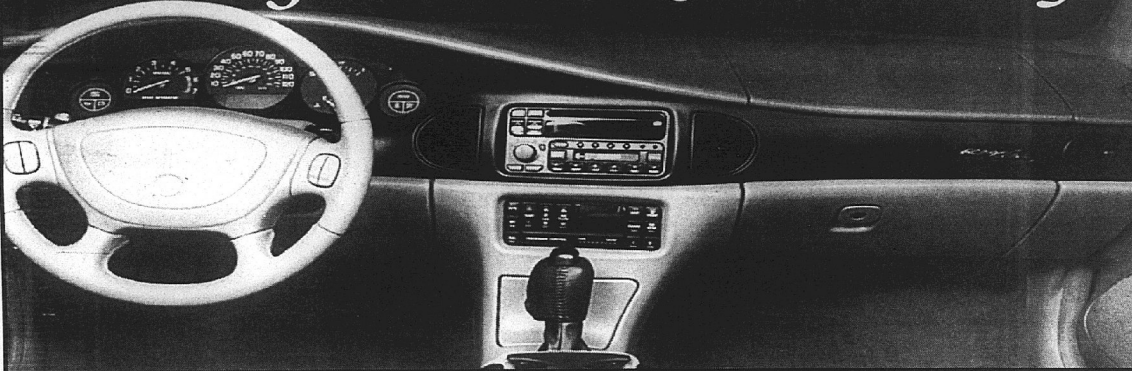
The captain's wife, Brenda, is the daughter of Barny and Linda Knight of Granite City. In 1989, Hornbostel received a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Barbara Matos

Army Reserve Pfc. Barbara Matos has graduated from the traffic management coordinator advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

Matos is the daughter of Miguel and Norma Matos of Granite City.

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Roustio reunion set for today

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

When Amant Roustio settled in French Village more than 150 years ago outside what is now Caseyville, he could not have imagined the future of his family.

His oldest child, Amant Jr., was orphaned at 13. He grew up in an orphanage and later bought out the inherited French Village property from his sisters. He married for a second time in April 1882. The couple had 10 children.

Amant Roustio Jr. died in 1915 but for the last 50 years, his descendants have met to celebrate their heritage.

More than 200 of them are expected to meet Sunday at Shiloh Community Park in a tradition that began in 1949.

Frank P. Roustio, one of the founders of the reunion celebration, was the family group's first president.

"They said it would never last," said Verla (Roustio) Stratton of Caseyville, one of Frank Roustio's daughters. Roustio has missed only one of the events. Her sister, Janice Swalley, has been to every one.

The family comes from all over the area as denoted by the group's officers for this year's celebration. President Tom Roustio is from Collinsville, Steve Roustio, the vice president, is from Glen Carbon. Peggy Maher, secretary is from O'Fallon while Treasurer Ray Caplinger is from Hoytlen.

"We're pretty spread out," Stratton said.

Stratton said family members from all over the immediate area, as well as from Florida, Colorado and Tennessee, are expected.

A 10 a.m. devotional service, a 1 p.m. potluck, raffles, "name" bingo and a family history presentation are among items planned for Sunday.

There will also be a "white elephant" auction that has become a part of the tradition. Stratton said its proceeds help to pay for the refreshments the group provides for the potluck.

Stratton said that in 1976, for the country's bicentennial.

Births

Zachary Kovar

SHAYLENE AND HERMAN KOVAR of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Zachary Marvin Kovar was born at 1:58 p.m. April 20, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Peggy and Hugh Hagemister of North Pole, Alaska.

Paternal grandparents are JoAnn Lutz of Elsie and Herman Kovar of Hardin.

Derek Jay Lemaster.

Derek LeMaster

JAY AND INA LEMASTER of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Derek LeMaster was born at 9:31 a.m. April 23, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins a brother, Brent.

His maternal grandparents are Don and Yvonne Gray of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Harold and Madeline LeMaster of Granite City.

Allen Mullen

BILL AND JENNIFER MULLEN of Maryville have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Allen Brian Mullen was born at 5:47 a.m. April 30, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8

pounds, 7 ounces, and joins a brother, Robby.

His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dean of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilhite of Glen Carbon. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindsey of Highland and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mullen of Granite City.

Kyle Wasylak

VICKI AND PAUL WASYLAK of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Kyle Alexander Wasylak was born at 1:34 p.m. May 1, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. His maternal grandparents are Barb and Doug Richmond of St. Petersburg, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Mary Jane and Ted Wasylak of Murray, Ky.

Brenden Allen

MICHAEL AND AMY

ALLEN of Wood River have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Brenden Michael was born at 12:49 p.m. May 6, 1999, at St. Luke's Hospital, Wood River. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are William and Deborah Duffield of Chicago. Paternal grandparents are Nancy Brakeville of Alton and David Allen of O'Fallon.

Christopher Bryant

JANET METCALF AND RICHARD BRYANT of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Christopher Dale Bryant was born at 8:58 p.m. May 6, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. His maternal grandparents are Mary Lou Genna and Harold A. Valentine of St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Bryant of El Dorado, Kan.

Christen Ferris

SCOTT AND LUCRESIA FERRIS of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Christen Marcelle Ferris was born at 11:30 p.m. May 7, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and joins Kimberly and Brenden Ferris.

Her maternal grandparents are Roy and Melinda Ema of St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sharon Ferris of Pontoon Beach.

Desteney James

VALLERIE MUDD AND

DONALD JAMES of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Desteney Joyce James was born at 11:41 a.m. May 9, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northwest in St. Louis. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Ruth and Paul Mudd of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Millie Cathy of Granite City and Don James of Wood River.

Austin Barrell

ANDREA AND TIMOTHY BARRELL of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Austin Christopher Barrell was born at 8:11 a.m. May 10, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical

Center in Granite City. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. His maternal grandparents are Carol Watkins of Granite City and Norman Gitcho of Granite City.

The paternal grandmother is Faith Barrell of Granite City.

Aaron Duncan

GINA AND MITCH DUNCAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Aaron Mitchell Duncan was born at 9:37 p.m. May 14, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Her maternal grandfather is Collins of Granite City. Her paternal grandmother is Jeannie Jo Lager of Batesville, Ark.

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Travel club plans trip to Australia

Bellefonte Area College's Travel Club will be throwing some shrimp on the barbie in October when it heads Down Under for a 20-day holiday to Australia and New Zealand. Travelers will depart Wednesday, Oct. 20, for a three night stay in New Zealand. From there, individuals head to Rotorua, the heart of Maori culture, where they will experience a Maori Hangi Feast, featuring the songs and dances of this proud Polynesian people. Other attractions include the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, boiling mud pools, hissing geysers, hot mineral springs, the Waitomo Caves and the famous Glowworm Grotto.

On the sixth day, travelers fly to Christchurch for a sight-seeing tour of New Zealand's second-largest city. From Christchurch, individuals travel into the Alps and spend three nights in Queenstown. A four day cruise and stay with a New Zealand family are highlights of this leg of the journey.

The next destination is Melbourne, Australia, for a tour of the Garden City, Melbourne University, the Royal Exhibition Building, the famed Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Parliament House. Other attractions include the Shrine of Remembrance and a koala habitat.

The last legs of the trip bring travelers to Canberra, the capital city, and Sydney, the host city for next year's Olympic Games. Travelers will catch a glimpse of Embassy Row, the Australian War Museum and the Parliament building.

Individuals will then experience the country life with a trip to a working ranch for an Aussie barbecue and ranch tour, complete with a sheep-shearing demonstration and kangaroo viewing. In Sydney, travelers will cruise past the sail-shaped Opera House, cruise the Sydney Harbour and dine at the Sydney Tower revolving restaurant.

Travelers conclude their holiday at the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, where they will explore underwater wonders through a glass-bottom boat and visit a crocodile farm.

The cost for the trip is \$4,375 per person double occupancy, and \$5,275 single occupancy. The price includes round-trip airfare from St. Louis, deluxe and first-class hotel accommodations, 31 meals, ground transportation, taxes, fees, visa and charges, tips, a Holiday Ambassador escort and cancellation insurance. A \$350-per-person deposit is due upon booking. A payment schedule will be forwarded, with full payment due 70 days before departure.

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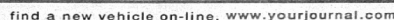
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By Tom Strongman

If the Navigator is the beef, then the LS is the bribe in Lincoln's recipe for updating its product line with models that appeal to buyers who are younger and hipper than those who queue up to purchase a Town Car.

LS prices start at \$31,450 for the V-6 with a five-speed; \$32,250 for the V-6 with an automatic; and \$35,225 for the V-8

The LS, as well as the Navigator, is a magnet for a new kind of Lincoln customer, one likely to be in the 30 to 50 age group, Internet savvy and likely to be moving up from an imported car such as a Camry or Accord, Lincoln says.

Lincoln recently sent 3,000 of its top executives from dealerships to a training program that included lectures, videos

and test drives. On 13 different test tracks, they sampled the LS and compared it to many of its imported competitors.

Lincoln describes the car responsible for all of this training as a "water shed" vehicle it intends to sell around the world. The front-engine, rear-drive LS shares many of the same mechanical components found in the S-Type Jaguar.

The LS has four-wheel, anti-lock disc brakes and traction control. An optional stability enhancement system (\$725) applies one or more brakes to correct slides and keep the car heading where it is supposed to. While this system is most beneficial in snow or rain, it sometimes comes into play on dry pavement, too.

The LS rides on a 114.5-inch wheelbase, has a fully independent suspension and comes with either a 3.0-liter, Duratec V-6 or a 3.9-liter, dual-overhead-cam V-8. The engines put out 210 and 252 horsepower, respectively. The V-6 is available with a five-speed manual transmission. The sport package of 17-inch wheels, harder brake pads, quicker steering and high-performance tires is standard with the V-6 manual and optional (\$1,000) on

The twisting two-lanes of the Napa Valley were ideal roads to show off the ride and handling. I spent a lot of time in a V-6 equipped with the five-speed Getrag transmission, a German unit also

used by BMW. It doesn't shift quite as sweetly as the BMW, but feels precise and direct. The vehicle also felt well balanced in turns.

The 3.0-liter Duratec engine is the same one used in the Taurus, but now it is mounted longitudinally instead of transversely. Engineers say changing the mounting resulted in more power and better performance. Acceleration to 60 mph takes about nine seconds.

This is the first Lincoln to be offered with a manual transmission since 1951. The all-aluminum V-6 idles smoothly, and accelerates authoritatively from all speeds. Its mid-range power makes it the best partner for the five-speed automatic transmission, which also can be specified with an optional SelectShift feature that allows the driver to shift the transmission manually.

From a comfort perspective, the interior of the LS is understated and simple. Heating, cooling and stereo all are grouped into a center console that is easy to reach and even easier to use because it has wide, flat buttons and knobs.

The driveshaft is a two-piece unit with a center bearing for enhanced smoothness. Each piece of the shaft is balanced to reduce vibration at high speeds.

Seat cushions have linear stitching patterns for better looks and more comfort.

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By Rick Stoff

This year could be a record-setter in American automobile sales. Total sales for the first four months of 1999 were 9 percent higher than last year, threaten-

15 million car and truck sales, making this the first time in history that mark has been reached four years in a row. Ford and General Motors say they already have sold 160,000 more pickups than they did last year, and believe they

could end up 350,000 ahead of 1998 for the whole year.

Ford built its 1 millionth U.S. vehicle of 1999 on April 27, 14 days ahead of last year. GM turned out its 1 millionth unit on April 30, 11 days earlier than in 1998.

Even Volkswagen can't figure out those Europeans. The company thought it would sell so many New Beetles close to home that a German plant would have to supplement production of the first Beetle plant in Mexico. While the Beetle is a hot item in the U.S. European buyers are surprisingly indifferent, so the Mexican plant will remain the source of the cars for the time being.

The safety of the powerfully bright headlight displays on new vehicles, particularly trucks and sport-utility vehicles with higher headlight mounting posi-

tions, is becoming an issue of debate.

Now a new product displayed at this year's meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers was a Bosch "adaptive-lighting directional head lamp system." Bosch says the system monitors vehicle speed and steering to continually adjust the headlights to provide optimum illumination. This is made partly possible through the use of lights that contain seven different lighting elements.

The question: Will this system do a better job of practicing courtesy for drivers of oncoming vehicles or a better job of blinding them?

Bosch also displayed a next-generation, dual-battery auto system intended to accommodate the increasing electrical demands of cars fitted with computers and electric gadgets. Bosch expects

future cars to require 12- and 48-volt batteries to handle accessory needs.

A rush of electronic devices suited for automotive use is expected, since the world's major car manufacturers have agreed to technical standards for hardware and software interfaces. The standards will facilitate integration of cellular phones, computers and other devices into vehicles, and assure that their operations will not interfere with other accessories or control computers.

Could tires end up being smarter than drivers? Goodyear has developed tires for fighter jets that are equipped with embed-

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Natl. telecommunications leader has immediate openings for CABLE TV TECHNICIANS in St. Louis County, St. Peters, Granite City & Maryville. 1-800-667-0103 Ext. 134

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Cable Driver-Class A. Full time. Call 402-071 Ask for Eric.
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Visit these companies and others at the Embassy Suites - Downtown, St. Louis

9:00A.M.-6:00P.M.

Wednesday, June 30, 1999

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With plans to open more than 300 new restaurants during the next 5 years, Steak 'n Shake is doubling in size! We are one of the nation's oldest restaurant chains, serving up quality food and friendly service for more than 60 years. For careers with twice the opportunities for success, join our winning team!

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We're seeking energetic people oriented individuals with excellent communication and leadership skills to begin successful, rewarding careers with our restaurant group. We offer competitive salaries, bonuses, profit sharing, employee stock purchase plan, paid vacation, health/dental insurance, comprehensive training, 5 day work weeks and much more!

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Has immediate openings in the following areas:

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Casual order selectors for our night shift. Qualified candidates must have a minimum of six months material handling experience.

DRIVERS
WE NEED DRIVERS! Class A CDL preferred, we are willing to train Class B drivers to obtain Class A license.
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"Mind your own business." - JACK

JACK IN THE BOX in St. Louis is experiencing dynamic growth and we're looking for Restaurant Managers, Associate Managers, and 1st and 2nd Assistant Managers. The preferred candidate would have restaurant operations experience in a supervisory position with strong customer-service and leadership skills. Our management positions require a high school degree or equivalent. JACK's managers are business-savvy professionals responsible for running \$1-2 million businesses. And you thought they just flipped burgers!

JACK IN THE BOX salary ranges are:

General Manager	\$32,500-\$50,300
Restaurant Manager	\$28,500-\$48,000
Associate Manager	\$22,400-\$33,000
1st Assistant Manager	\$21,300-\$31,800
2nd Assistant Manager	\$20,000-\$28,000

JACK IN THE BOX outstanding benefits include:

- Quarterly bonus plan for Restaurant, Associate and 1st Assistant Managers
- Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance
- Management referral program
- Paid vacation/sick pay
- Tuition Reimbursement
- 401K

Please submit your confidential resume and salary history to: Foodmaker, Inc., Attn: Robyn Sharrow, 13789-20 Shoreline Drive, Earth City, MO 63045-1214; Fax: (314) 298-0559 EOE
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- We provide office & administrative support

To learn more about a SALES CAREER with Sentry, come see us at the CAREER FAIR at the EMBASSY-SUITES-DOWNTOWN, 901 North First Street on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th, between 9 & 6 or call/fax resume to:

Sentry Insurance
855 Executive Parkway, #110
St. Louis, MO 63141
314-542-5200 Fax: 314-542-5280
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Looking for a career with a progressive, forward looking company?
Training and benefits like profit sharing are available to all employees, whether you are just out of high school, or you are looking for a career change.
We are a 50 year old electrical distributor interested in rapid growth in the St. Louis Metro area. If you want to be part of this growth come to the JOB FAIR on Wednesday with your resume and talk to a company representative.
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Maryland Heights, MO 63043

CUSTOMER SERVICE

West county company currently has several IMMEDIATE position available in customer service/collections. We are looking for assertive, dependable, well organized and energetic professionals with good communication skills. No experience necessary, we will pay you to train you! We offer an excellent salary, bonus program and a flexible scheduling including daylight shifts and fulltime/part time positions plus the following great benefits:

- \$500 signing bonus
- 100% paid medical & dental insurance
- 401k
- Paid vacations, holidays & personal leave
- Tuition & child care reimbursement

If you are interested in joining a positive environment, don't let this great opportunity pass you by, please call Marie at 580-7885 to arrange an interview or stop by and see us at the CAREER FAIR on Wednesday, June 30th at the Embassy Suites Downtown from 9am to 6pm.

Tellers
Sales Specialists
Operations Supervisor
Administrative Asst.
Consumer Lending
Credit Analyst
Portfolio Manager
MIS Systems Analyst
Adjustment Specialist
Retail Branch Manager
Brokerage Sales Assistant

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Will be interviewing for the following openings:

- HOUSEKEEPERS
- ACCOUNTING
- ENGINEERING
- DISHWASHERS
- ADMIN. ASST.
- BANQUET CAPTAIN
- GIFT SHOP SUPERVISOR
- MANY MORE!

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For Qualified Managers and Assistant Managers



We're looking for 35 additional managers and assistant managers.

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- Fast track careers for fast track people
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- Great food! Meal allowance

Stop by our booth at the June 30 Job Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 901 N. 1st Street, St. Louis.
Or call us today or fax us your resume for an appointment.

United States Beef Corporation, 8860 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124, Phone (314) 727-9701, Fax (314) 727-9364.

Unlock Your Potential

GC Services, a leading receivables management firm, has immediate openings for collectors in our Westport Plaza location. Qualified applicants will possess a positive and assertive attitude, as well as a good record.

As our Account Representative, you will enjoy:

- Health Benefits from first day of employment
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- Paid Training (No Experience Necessary)
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If you are looking for the "Key to Success," call us now at 314-651-4377 for an appointment.

EOE M/F/D/V

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320 HELP WANTED
CLIENT SERVICES CLERK
Good oral, written communication skills. PC experience. Fast pace. flex hours after training.
Investment
\$20,800
Mrs. Schwartz
800-855-1530
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Belleville

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HOME EVERY DAY
• \$11.00 per hour
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Class A CDL required, good MVR & 3 years experience.
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Send resume to:
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St. Louis, MO 63103
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(314) 652-2388

DELIVERY
DISTRIBUTION CENTER, one half mile west of downtown, looking for dependable, hard working individual for area. Must have a Class B Commercial Driver's License and High School Diploma. Must be trustworthy, dependable and have a clean driving record. Free parking and exceptional benefits. Tests will be administered at interview. Send or fax resume to:
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D. J. Smith
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DRIVERS
CDL drivers needed (TO, Vacation/Retiree) for Driver Blenders. 314-291-1503.
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DRIVER
Part-time van driver to transport clients to and from substance abuse treatment facility approx. 24 hr/wk. Good driving record and background check will be required. Drug-free workplace. EOE. Send cover letter and resume to address below.
Chestnut Health Systems
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ROAD DRIVER
To run West and Northwest. Prefer exp. needed w/Class A CDL. Home regularly, weekly settlement low politics, health insurance, call:
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Call Up-Rising Felix OTR TEAMS, OTO and Soto. Go West, very little past. Training and Students Welcome. CALL ABOUT NEW PAY SCALE. 95-99 Freightliner Conventional Condos with 10 speeds. Call 800-475-5313 Mark Drivers

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No experience necessary. Training for Your CDL. Earn \$1000 a Week. 21 or Older Male and Female. First Year
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Established trucking company. Experienced flatbed drivers needed hauling machinery and other large equipment. Using latest model equipment with satellite communication. Excellent wages and benefits. Call 618-382-6100
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DELIVER DRIVERS wanted Apply in person at:
11920 Delmar
Granite City, IL
No phone calls, please.
Drivers
DTI TRUCK DIVISION
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WE PROVIDE:
• Excellent Pay
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• Medical/Life/Disability
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• Paid 401K
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• Bonus program
• Drivers lounge/shower, sleeping & laundry facilities
• Driver must provide own car and proof of insurance. Call country at 214-986-2626 to schedule an interview between 9am-5pm. Great job for college students.
DRIVERS
Metro Express Delivery has urgent need for 5 owner operators or company drivers for local and some beyond local deliveries. Must have Class C or B CDL with HazMat. Commission paid weekly. Call Tom 314-693-8688 for appointment. Our Website: www.metroexpressinc.com

DRIVERS WANTED
CDL with HazMat No weekends. Vacation Health insurance, 401K available. Please call
800-737-6800
Ext. 326 or 327

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DRIVERS
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If you have 2 yrs or more of tractor trailer experience, I have part time local driving job open. Also have full time positions open with benefits.
Call
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Transport Truck Driver Class C License Various Duties Drug Screening Apply in person. Start 8:00am and Sales
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No phone calls, please.
Education: See our ad under Part Time - Hickey School
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320 HELP WANTED
DRIVERS
Local delivery service looking for 8 full time drivers (7:50am-4:30pm or 9am-5:30pm). Men thru Fri. Drivers average at least \$10 an hour and as much as \$20 an hour. Driver must provide own car and proof of insurance. Call country at 214-986-2626 to schedule an interview between 9am-5pm. Great job for college students.

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DRIVERS
Quality drives with good driving record. CDL or Chauffeur license a must. Local deliveries. Moving experience required. Must have transportation to job site. I am able to lift 50 lbs. Salary \$8.00/hr. Call 314-878-8945, Ext. 350.

DRIVER
Union Position with Full Benefits. Class A CDL required. Call
800-536-8190 Ext. 106

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DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES
Belleville Area College is now accepting applications for the full-time, administrative position of Director, Activities and Services at Programs and Services for Older Persons. This grant funded position is responsible for the development, operation, and control of activities and services at PSOP. Bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline is required. Three years of experience in fund raising, social service programs, or volunteer program administration is required. The Director's office will be located at PSOP, 201 North Church Street, Belleville, IL. Salary starting range is \$22,500-\$23,500 per year. Respond by July 7, 1999, 4:00 p.m., with cover letter, current resume, college transcripts and list of three references to:
**Human Resources Office
Belleville Area College
2500 Carlyle Avenue
Belleville, IL 62221**
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TRAINING COORDINATOR/SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS
Belleville Area College is now accepting applications for the full-time administrative position of Training Coordinator/Software Applications. This is a new grant funded position contingent upon continued grant funding.
Position Description: Reports to the Activity II Director - MIS component. Performs duties necessary to design, develop and implement an on-going process for individualized support for administrative software applications and PC training initiatives, and the complex training activities required to meet the project objectives. Establishes procedures to collect inquiry information and develops the written materials for this process. Coordinates training for systems software and the development of user manuals and guides.
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and a minimum of two years relevant training experience required. Excellent written and oral communication skills required. Experience with or knowledge of various software applications including MS Office products, hardware issues, database systems, and network systems is required. A minimum of 3 years related training management experience is strongly preferred. Experience utilizing administrative applications (finance, human resources, or student administrative packages) is desired. Help desk experience and technical writing experience is desired.
Starting Salary: The starting salary range is \$34,000 - \$36,000 per year.
Location: Belleville Campus with district wide responsibilities.
Application Procedure: Respond by July 9, 1999, by 4:00 p.m. with cover letter, current resume, college transcripts, and list of three references to:
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REGISTRATION/FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANT
Belleville Area College is accepting applications for the full-time support services staff position of Registration/Financial Aid Assistant at the Granite City campus. Work involves performing a variety of functions requiring the application of independent judgment and the interpretation of routine policies and regulation pertaining to admissions, registration, and financial aid assistance. High School Graduate. Associated Associate degree strongly preferred. Three years of experience in clerical and secretarial work required; work experience in an academic organization strongly preferred. Supervisory experience required.
Salary: \$19,233 per year with excellent fringe benefits.
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We Need You!

Laidlaw Transit, Inc. in Granite City is looking for prospective employees. Would you be interested in a school bus driving position if there was \$5.00 per day daycare available for your children? This is an excellent part-time job for homemakers or retirees. You can earn at least \$188.00 per month to start! We do complete classroom and behind-the-wheel training! In addition, we are now offering a \$300.00 employment bonus to each individual who successfully completes their training.

You must be at least 21 years of age and have a clean driving record in order to qualify for a School Bus Commercial Driver's License.

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- Schnucks
- Midcoast Aviation
- GC Services
- Bask, Inc.
- Adams Mark Hotel
- Nurses Now
- Players Island Casino
- Jack In The Box
- St. Louis Marriott-West
- St. Josephs Hospital-Kirkwood
- Beverly Enterprises
- Arby's
- Norwest Financial
- St. Clair Corporation
- UMB Bank
- Security Leasing Partners
- Laidlaw Transit
- Resources In Food/Food Team
- Romac Health Care
- National General Insurance
- Atlantic Express
- Missouri Division of Family Services
- TWA
- Embassy Suites
- Star Med Health Personnel
- Delmar Gardens
- Delhaven Manor
- Marriott International
- Hilton-Frontenac
- Steak 'N Shake
- American Healthcare Management
- Phillips Furniture
- Convergys
- Sysco Foods
- Ellisville Healthcare Center
- St. Louis Community College
- Mary Queen & Mother
- Clayton House Healthcare
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- Business Training Library
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Companies interested in participating may call (314) 821-1555 or (800) 766-FAST for information.

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FROM AIRPORT
Highway 70 east, exit Broadway #249C (Convention Center, Trans World Dome, Busch Stadium exit.) Proceed South one block to Biddle, turn left (East) staying in far right hand lane (under Highway 70). Take Biddle to 2nd Street, turn right two blocks. Hotel entrance is on the North side of the building.
FROM IL 55-64 WEST
Take the first exit in Missouri, it is the Memorial Drive Exit #251B. Go North of Memorial Drive, staying in right hand lane, approximately 4 to 5 blocks to Washington Ave. Turn right on Washington, go (2) two blocks and turn left onto First Street, proceed North on First Street, (3) three blocks to Hotel.
FROM 44 EAST & 55 NORTH
Take East merges into 55 North. Take 55 North approximately 1/2 mile to the Memorial Drive exit #251C. Go North on Memorial Drive, staying in right hand lane approximately 4 to 5 blocks to Washington Ave., turn right on Washington and go (2) two blocks and turn left onto First Street, proceed North on First Street. (3) three blocks to Hotel.
FROM 40 EAST
Take the last Missouri exit Broadway #40B. At exit stop sign turn left. Go (2) two blocks to Fourth Street, turn left on Fourth Street, and you will go through Downtown crossing Washington Ave. Staying in right hand lane, go under Highway 70 to stop light, proceed down Carr (1) one block to Second Street, turn right on Second Street, (1) one block to Hotel.



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Waste Management of St. Louis
 Toll Free Job Hotline
 1-888-873-4597
 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
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DRIVE YOUR OWN INSURED CAR OR TRUCK
 And earn \$1000 - \$2000 per week
 Enjoy your work!
 Uniforms supplied
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 • 1100 signing bonus
 • 45 days
 • Call New Team
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 • 314-431-3333
 • KEMAS EXPRESS

ESTABLISHED STEEL FABRICATION PLANT looking for experienced FULL TIME **WELDING OPERATOR**. Must be experienced in MIG, TIG, and Stick welding. Send resume to: **DR. J. W. BELL**, 219 N. 10th St., Belleville, IL 62225.

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 • Steel Plants \$200+
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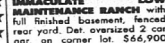
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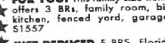
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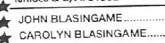
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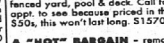
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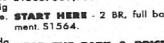
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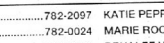
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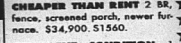
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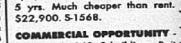
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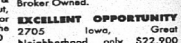
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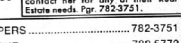
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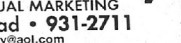
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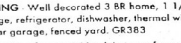
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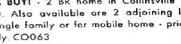
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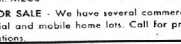
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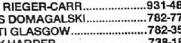
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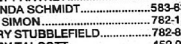
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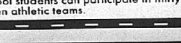
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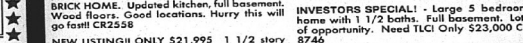
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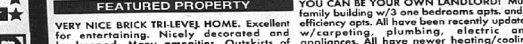
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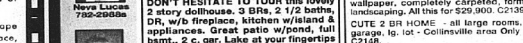
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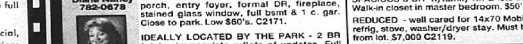
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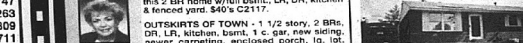
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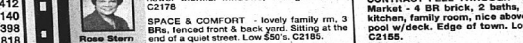
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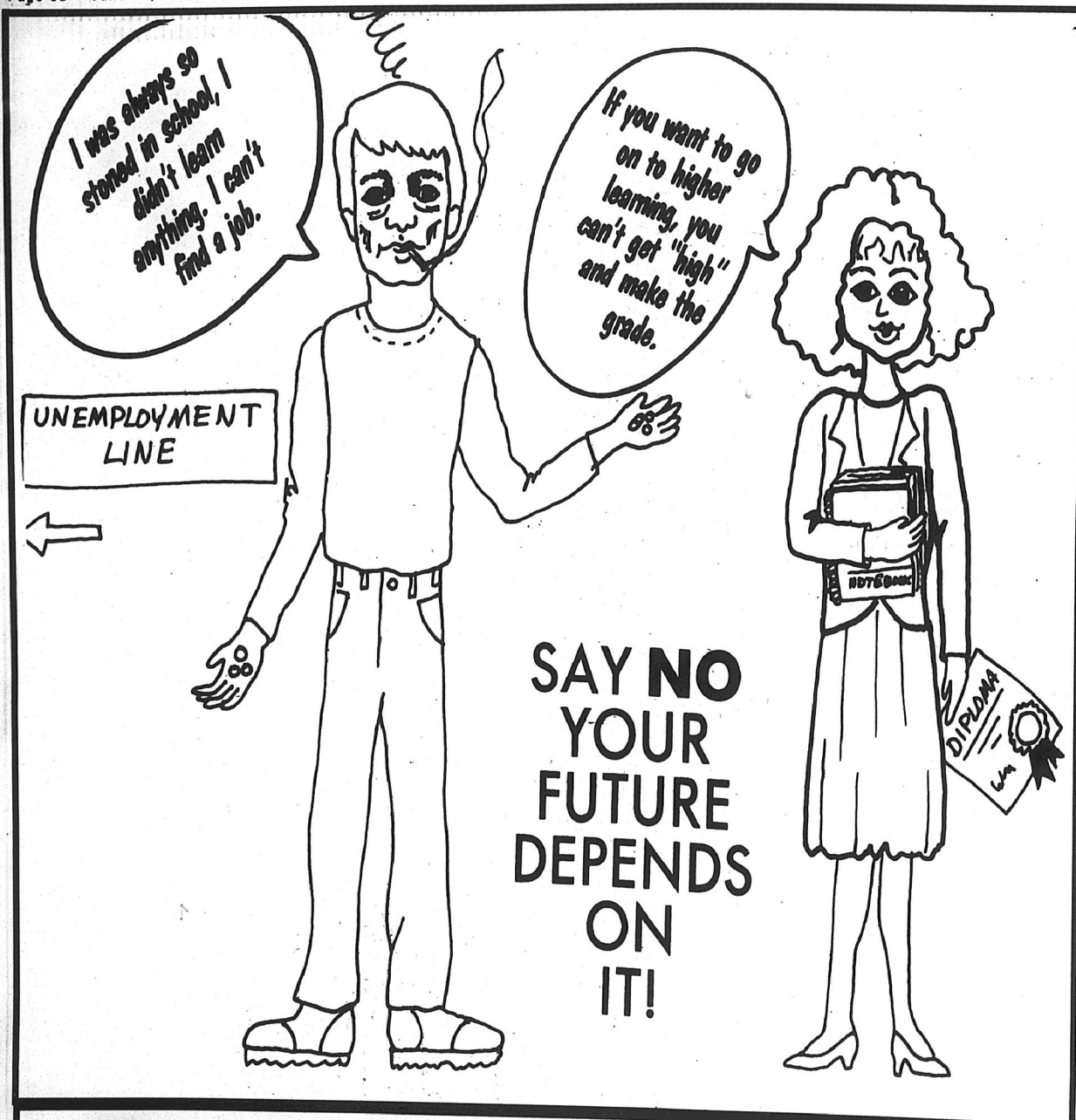


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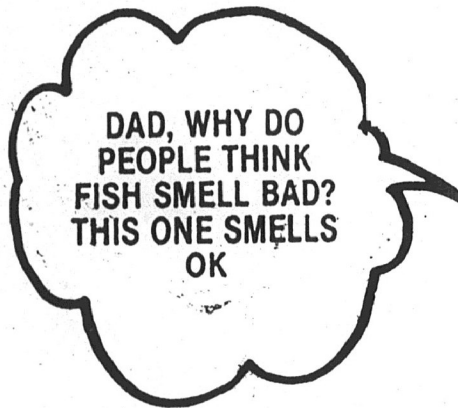
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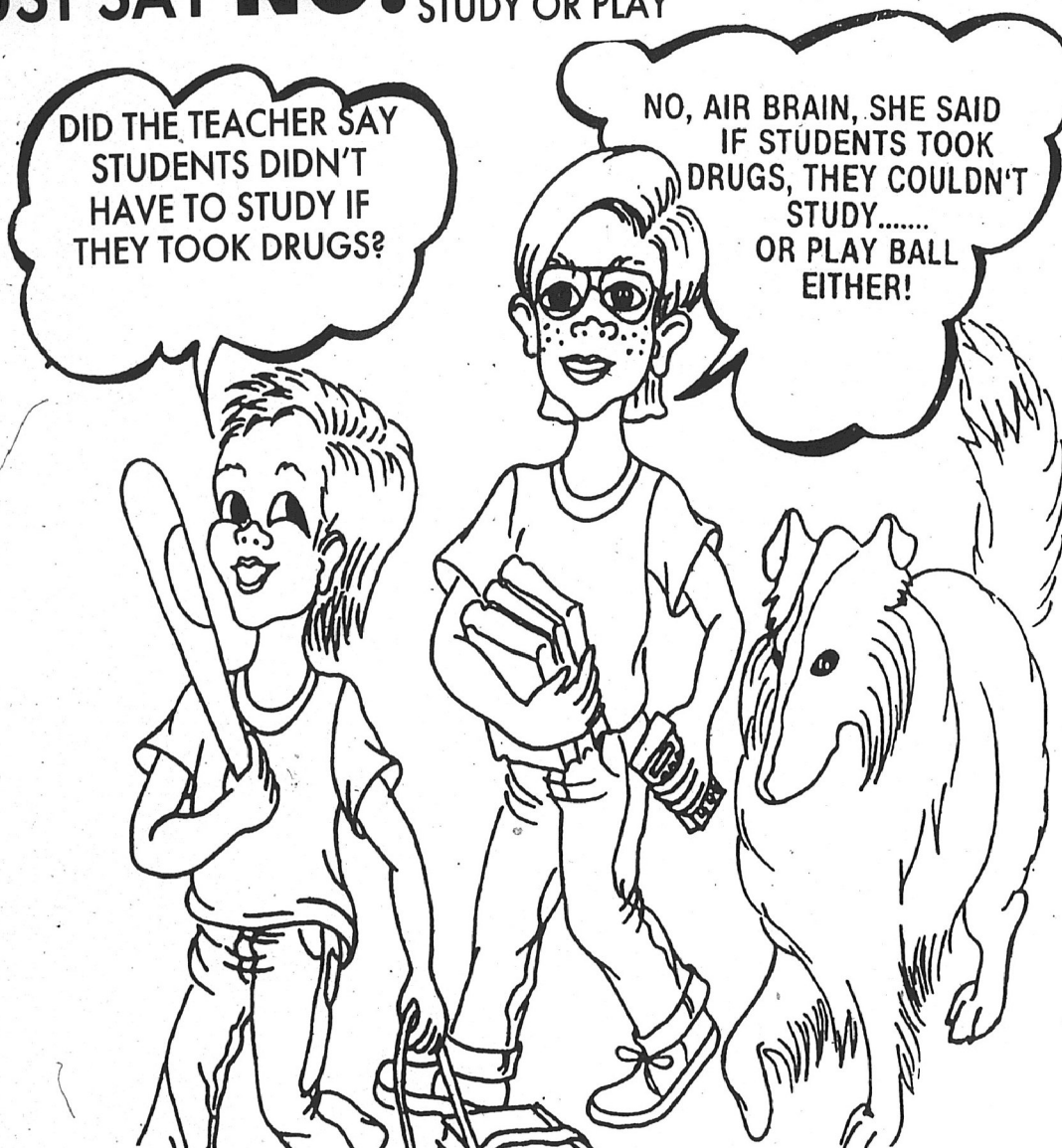


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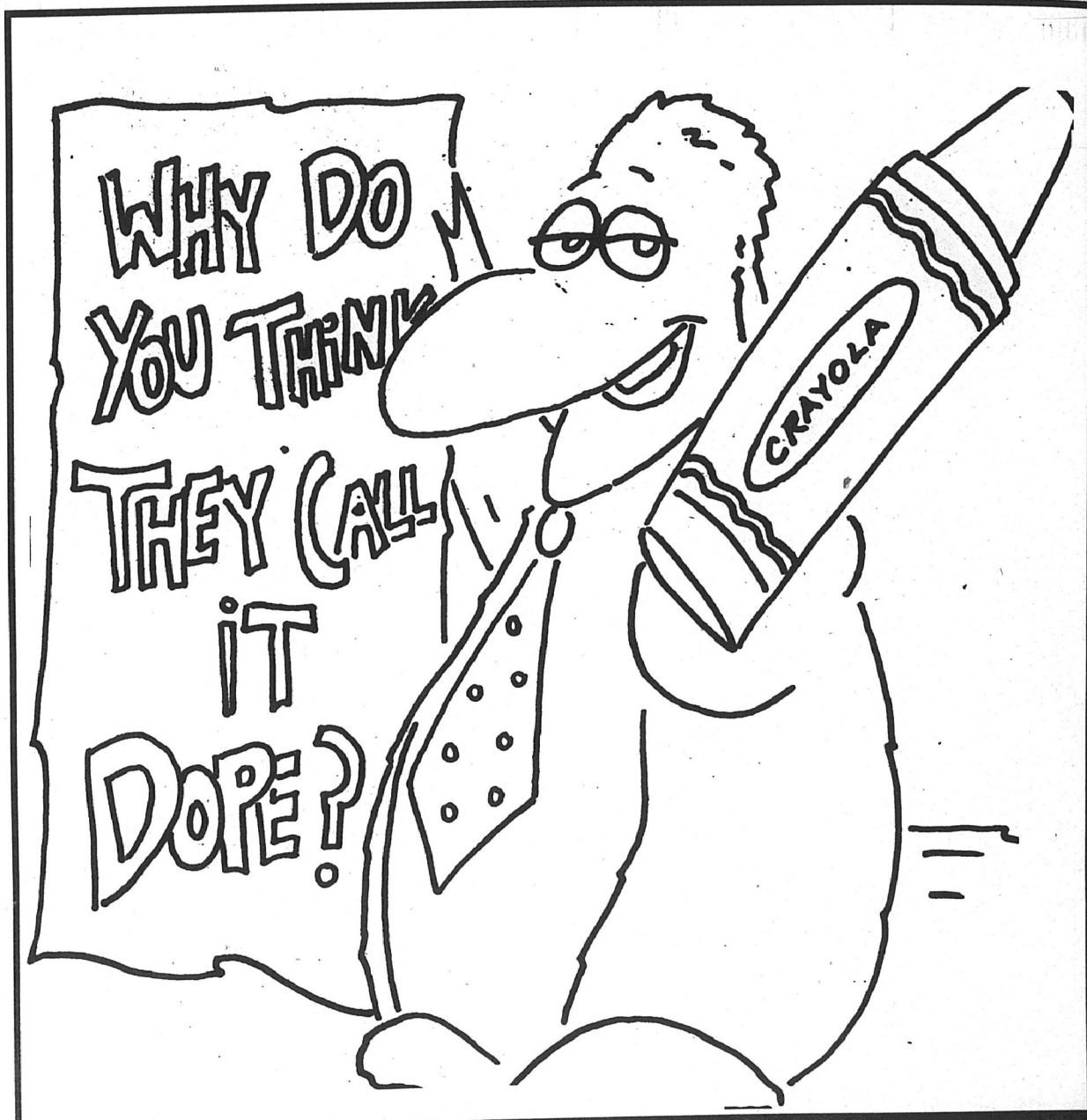
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